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-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

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The summer of 2024, I was invited to a convention and got to go to France for the first time in my life. I was blown away by the overwhelming enthusiasm of all the *Naruto*/*Boruto* fans. It explosively boosted my motivation to keep creating. And not just France, but all the fans from around the world. Thank you so much for these invaluable opportunities.

I got to visit Disneyland Paris, the Balenciaga on Avenue Montaigne, and the Hôtel Le Bristol Paris with its resident cats Kléopatra and Socrate. (Though I did not get to meet the cats.)

Me: "Hmm, where can I go to see cats?"
My editor: "Uh… Don't manga artists usually go to art museums?"

True...

If I should have another such invaluable opportunity, I will for sure.

—Mikio Ikemoto, 2025

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BORUTO CHARACTERS
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UZUMAKI NARUTO

NARA SHIKAMARU

UCHIHA SASUKE

CODE

AMADO

HIDARI

MAMUSHI

JURA

THE DIVINE TREE QUARTET

MATSURI

UZUMAKI BORUTO

KAWAKI

DAEMON

EIDA

UCHIHA SARADA

UZUMAKI HIMAWARI

MITSUKI

KAKEI SUMIRE

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son Boruto…

After that incident, Boruto unexpectedly runs into Kawaki, who also bears a Karma. Under Naruto's protection, Kawaki starts to deeply respect Naruto and consider Boruto his brother.

However, following their battle against Code, who has inherited the Ohtsutsuki Will, Kawaki seals Naruto away and goes after Boruto's life. In addition, the power of Eida's Omnipotence causes Boruto and Kawaki to switch positions. Everyone's perception is that Kawaki is Naruto's son, and Boruto an outsider. Boruto, who has now become a fugitive, goes into hiding along with Sasuke…

Three years later, as Code attacks the Village of Konoha, self-aware Divine Trees Jura and Hidari make their entrance in order to devour Naruto. Boruto rescues Himawari and Sarada and defeats Hidari, but is shot through the chest by Jura's biju bullet!

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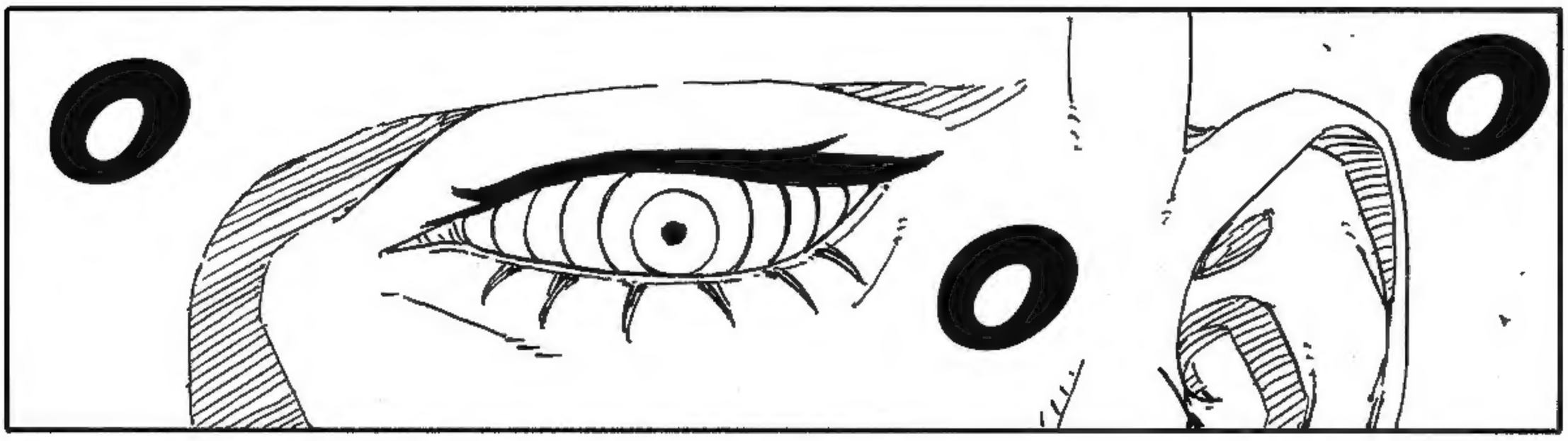
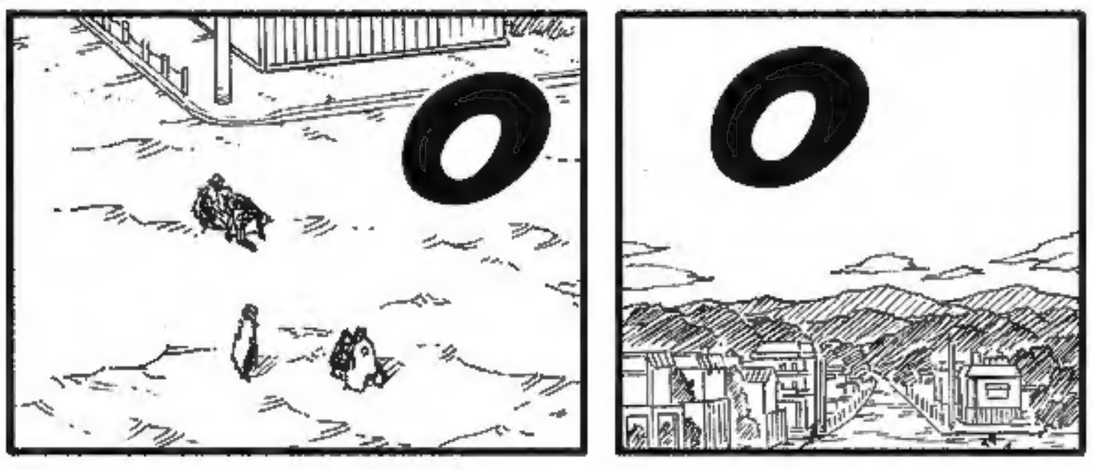




GWEE
YOU'RE AN INTRIGU-ING LAD. I REGRET DOING THIS...
...BUT FAREWELL ...
...OHTSU-TSUKI BORUTO.

BASED ON HER INVESTI-GATION...

MATSURI'S BACK.

...IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT BORUTO HAS AN ACCOM-PLICE.

WHOOPS ...

AM I INTER-RUPTING?

NWUP

WHAT IS IT?

MAMUSHI.

HEY, THAT THORN SOUL BULB YOU'RE HOLDING...

DID HIDARI GET HIMSELF KILLED?

...HIS SOURCE OF INTEL...

I SEE. SO THAT'S...

...ON THE THORN SOUL BULB AND SUCH.

OHTSU-TSUKI BORUTO...

OUR FOE IS FORMIDABLE.

LET'S RETREAT.

...YOU ARE A TRULY LUCKY MAN.

IT'S AS IF THE HEAVENS ARE DECREEING THAT YOU REMAIN ALIVE.

PERHAPS THIS IS SOME DIVINE INTER-VENTION.

WE CAN'T LET HIDARI'S BULB ROT.

HUFF

HUFF

DAMMIT!

HUFF

HE'S GOTTA STILL BE NEARBY!

FIND HIM!!

...BORUTO.

I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU...

?!

A TOAD ?!

THERE'S ROUGHLY 20 SHINOBI IN THE AREA.

...YOU CAN'T REALLY KILL INNOCENT FOLK.

YOU'RE TRAPPED, BORUTO, AND YET...

...

RELAX. I'M NOT A FOE.

...*WITHOUT* ENGAGING YOU IN SMALL TALK.

IF I WERE PART OF THE SEARCH PARTY, I'D HAVE ALERTED THEM ALREADY...

...

WHO ARE YOU?

TOUCH THE TOAD'S BACK.

LET'S GET YOU OUT OF HERE FIRST.

SPILL IT.

THERE ISN'T ANY TIME TO WAVER.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU END UP, IT'D STILL BE BETTER THAN HERE, RIGHT?

OR ARE YOU SCARED OF TOADS?

...

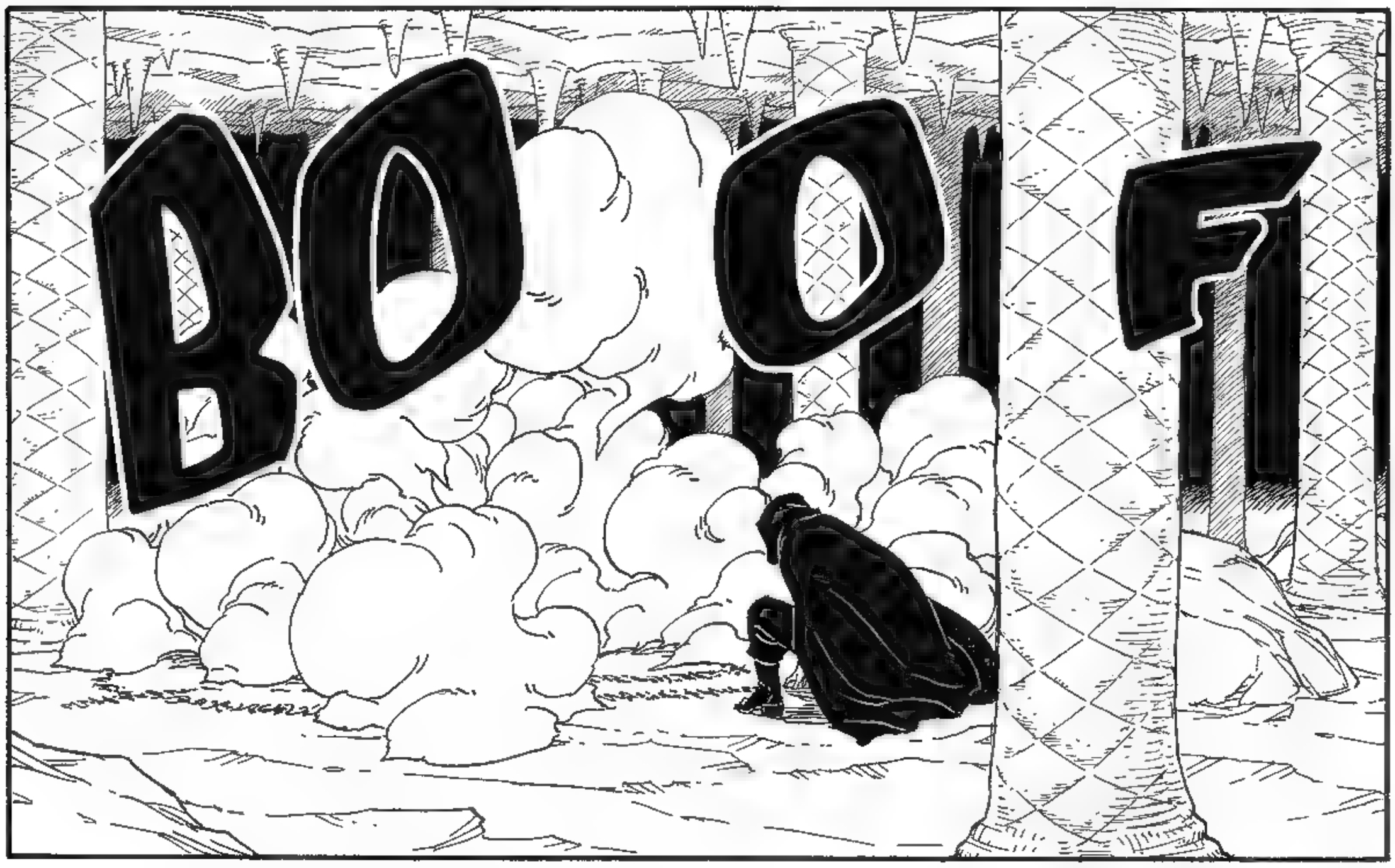
WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?

DAMMIT !!

...

FSH

SUMMONING JUTSU.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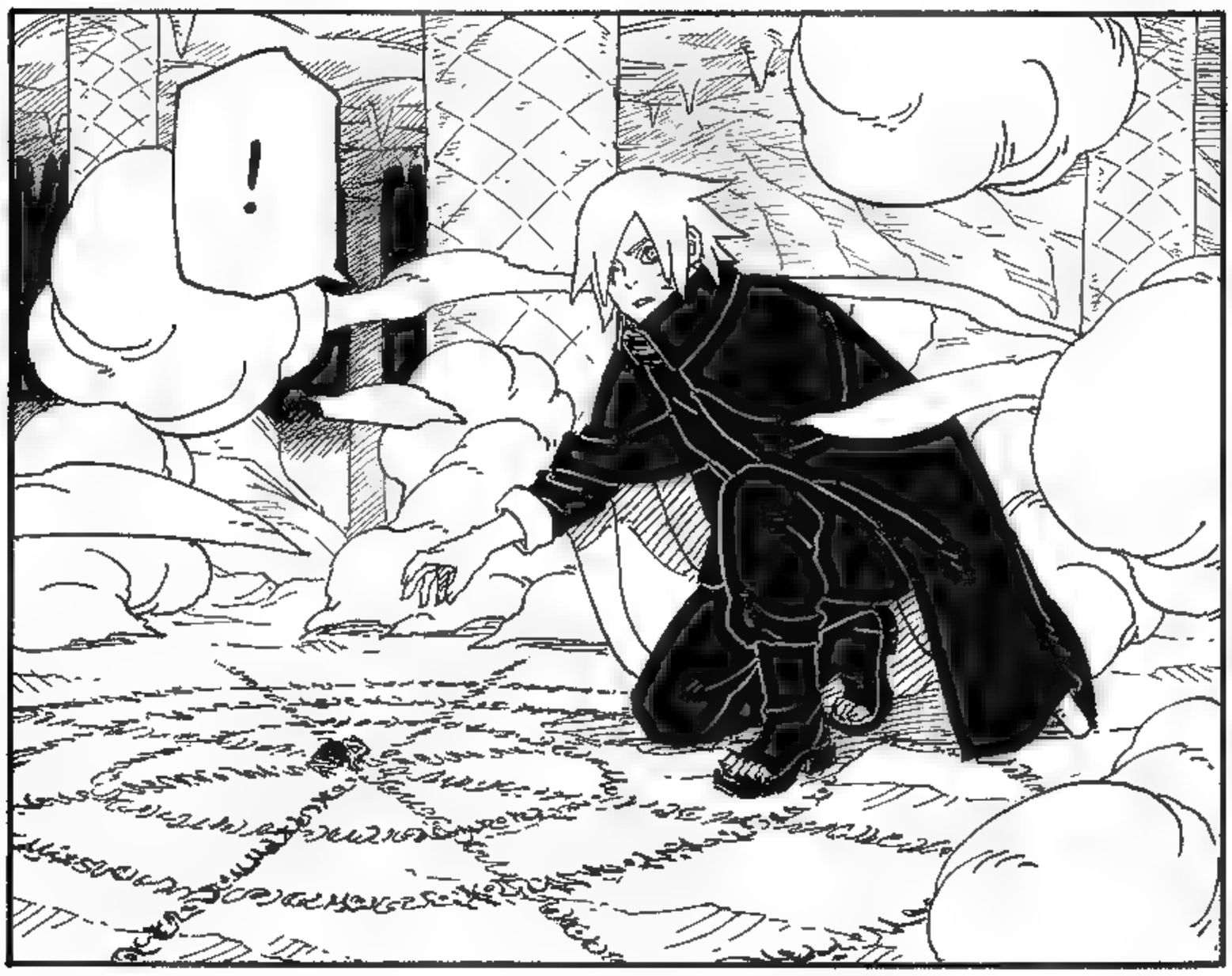
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NEAR THE LAND OF WIND.

ONE OF OROCHI-MARU'S ABANDONED BASES.

I'VE CAMOU-FLAGED THE ALREADY INCON-SPICUOUS ENTRANCE WITH GENJUTSU.

WE WON'T BE FOUND THAT EASILY.

...

WHERE ARE WE?

...

WHO *ARE* YOU?

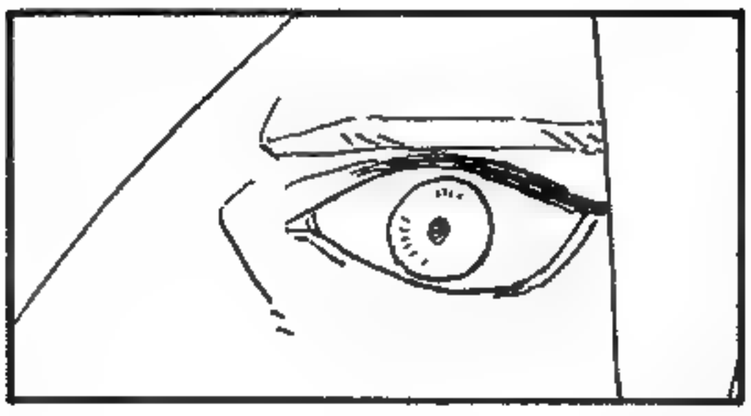
YOU SEEM TO KNOW ME.

...

BY THE WAY, THAT TOAD IS A SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOL.

I MANIPULATE HIM REMOTELY USING MY CHAKRA. THAT WAS ME YOU WERE TALK-ING TO, NOT THE TOAD HIMSELF.

HE'S STRUC-TURALLY IDENTICAL TO A REAL TOAD, EXCEPT MAN-MADE.



THAT MASK!
NO WAY...

DOES THIS...
FSH
...RING A BELL?

AN ARTIFICIAL CREATION BROUGHT INTO BEING...
I AM KASHIN KOJI.
...BY SANZU AMADO.

...AND TRIED TO KILL ME AND MASTER KONOHA-MARU TOO!

HOW COULD I FORGET?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED MISTER AO...

...

KASHIN KOJI!

...

YES OR NO.

ANSWER ME STRAIGHT.

HUH ?!

HAVE YOU BEEN *UZUMAKI* BORUTO...

CAN I VERIFY JUST ONE THING?

...FROM THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN, UP TO NOW?

...

OMNIPO-TENCE, HUH?

...

YOU...

MY PER-CEPTION IS THAT AMADO AND I...

...HELPED YOU BREAK OUT.

BUT I'M WRONG, NO?

INSIDE MY HEAD, YOU...

...ARE BORUTO, ISSHIKI'S VESSEL WHO FLED KARA.

OF OMNIPO-TENCE?

...KNOW OF IT?

SO THAT DAY YOU WERE CHASED FROM YOUR VILLAGE...

...IT APPEARS EVERYONE'S MEMORIES RELATED TO YOU AND KAWAKI DID GET FLIPPED.

I DON'T KNOW A WHOLE LOT ABOUT THE ABILITY YOU CALL OMNIPO-TENCE.

HOWEVER, I ***DO*** HAVE AN APPRE-CIATION OF THE RESULTS IT BROUGHT ABOUT.

...

BECAUSE I KNEW THAT THE POSSIBILITY...

...THIS WOULD END UP HAPPENING WAS HIGH.

AHEAD OF TIME.

CLEARLY, OMNIPOTENCE AFFECTED YOUR MEMORY AS WELL.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

...TO GRASP THE ACTUAL STATE OF THINGS SO OBJECTIVELY?

SO HOW ARE YOU ABLE...

I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY.

EVEN IF IT WAS TO STOP ISSHIKI...

...I STILL FOLLOWED ORDERS AND FOUGHT ALL OF YOU.

FOR THAT, I AM TRULY SORRY.

...

...

WHAT ?!

AS SOMEONE WHO'S...

...THE FRUSTRATION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO VINDICATE ONESELF.

...EXPERI-ENCED THAT FOR QUITE A LONG WHILE NOW.

...

PLUS...

I'M A SHINOBI TOO.

I KNOW THE WEIGHT OF A MISSION.

BECAUSE I HAD COMPLETED MY DUTY THE MOMENT I MANAGED...

...TO DRAG HIM OUT OF JIGEN.

HIS POWER FAR EXCEEDED ANY OF OUR IMAGINA-TIONS...

...BUT I WAS SATISFIED.

...

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW...

...I WAS CREATED BY AMADO...

I JUST QUIETLY ...

... AWAITED DEATH.

I COULD LEAVE THE REST TO THE HOKAGE.

I HAD NO FEAR, NOR ANY REGRETS.

...AND, CONSE-QUENTLY, STOP HIS PLANET-DESTROYING DIVINE TREE PLAN.

...IN ORDER TO DEFEAT ISSHIKI...

...AS I WATCHED VARIOUS SCENES FLASH BY, ONE AFTER ANOTHER...

IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY, BUT...

...THAT THESE...

...WERE GLIMPSES...

...I REALIZED...

...OF FUTURE REALITIES.

THAT UNTIL TEN TAILS ITSELF WAS DESTROYED...

...THIS PLANET WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN DANGER.

I REALIZED...

...ISSHIKI'S DEATH WASN'T ENOUGH.

I COULDN'T AFFORD TO DIE THERE.

SO THERE WERE STILL THINGS THAT I NEEDED TO DO.

...AGAINST THE MYRIAD VISIONS I SAW THAT DAY...

SINCE THEN, BY COMPARING WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE...

...I'VE DEEPENED MY UNDER-STANDING AND CONVICTION ABOUT THIS ABILITY.

...I'M CONFIRMING FOR THE FIRST TIME THROUGH THIS CONVER-SATION.

THAT'S RIGHT. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PARTS...

...HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE HOKAGE'S SON.

SINCE MY PERCEP-TION IS THAT ***KAWAKI***...

...

ARE YOU SAYING...

...BEFORE IT EVEN HAPPENED?

...YOU KNEW OM-NIPOTENCE WOULD FLIP ME AND KAWAKI'S POSITIONS...

...DID YOU COME TO HAVE IT ALL OF A SUDDEN?

AND HOW...

SO WHAT IS THIS ABILITY ANYWAY?

...

...ACQUIRED ALL SORTS OF SHIN-JUTSU...

THE OHTSUTSUKI WHO DEVOURED COUNTLESS PLANETS LONG AGO...

...AND WAS EVEN CALLED A GOD.

!

I'M SURE AMADO'S TOLD YOU...

...ABOUT OHTSU-TSUKI SHIBAI.

...IN THE HOPES THAT WE WOULD MANIFEST AT LEAST ONE OF HIS MANY SHINJUTSU.

...WAS A MATTER OF LUCK.

THOUGH WHETHER WE'D SUCCESSFULLY GAIN ANY ABILITY...

EACH OF US KARA MEMBERS WHO WAS GIVEN ENHANCED MODIFICATIONS BY AMADO...

...RECEIVED TRANSPLANTS OF SHIBAI'S CELLS, WITHOUT FAIL...

OHTSUTSUKI...

...SHIBAI!

...DEMONSTRATED ANY SHINJUTSU.

...NEITHER BORO...

...DELTA, NOR I...

AS A RESULT, CODE MAKES CLAW MARKS...

...DAEMON CAN REFLECT ALL ATTACKS...

...AND EIDA HAS HER GODLIKE ABILITIES, BUT...

...ONE ABRUPTLY EMERGED.

AND YET, WHEN CORNERED BY ISSHIKI...

...UPON FACING ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH...

...PRESCIENCE.

THE ABILITY TO SEE ALL POSSIBLE FUTURES...

MANY NARRATIVES GET SNUFFED OUT BASED ON WHICH BRANCH OF EACH MULTI-FORKED CROSSROAD IS TAKEN.

IT'S A BATTLE ROYALE BETWEEN DESTINIES, SO TO SPEAK.

THIS MAY SOUND OBVIOUS TO YOU, BUT...

...OUR FUTURE ISN'T SIMPLY ONE STRAIGHT PATH.

ALL POS-SIBLE...

...

...FUTURES ?

...HE'D HAVE RESUR-RECTED IN KAWAKI'S BODY...

...AND PLANTED A DIVINE TREE. THE PLANET WOULD'VE PERISHED.

TAKE ONE FATE WE'VE ALREADY ESCAPED.

IF ISSHIKI HAD KILLED THE HOKAGE...

WHAT?!

!

...SAY KAWAKI HAD MANAGED TO KILL YOU...

ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

...AS WELL AS UCHIHA SARADA, WHO TRIED TO HELP.

...WHEN THE TWO OF YOU QUARRELED...

THE DAY KAWAKI CAUSED THE HOKAGE TO DISAPPEAR ...

THAT ENDED UP NOT HAPPENING ...

...BUT THERE WAS A SUFFICIENT LIKELIHOOD IT WOULD.

ESPECIALLY THE EVENTS THAT DIDN'T OCCUR.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVE WHAT I'VE SEEN.

...BEEN WALKING A DANGEROUS TIGHTROPE FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW.

WHAT I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT OUR FUTURE HAS CONTINUOUSLY...

...AND BE DEVOURED BY TEN TAILS...

IN THIS CASE, YOU AND KAWAKI WOULD NEVER SWITCH POSITIONS.

...AND THEN A DIVINE TREE WOULD DESTROY THE PLANET.

KAWAKI WOULD GO ON TO LOSE TO A TREMENDOUSLY STRONG CODE...

BUT I CAN'T IGNORE THE FACT THAT YOU REALLY GET WHAT HAPPENED THANKS TO OMNI-POTENCE.

DESPITE HOW EXTRA-ORDINARY IT IS.

THAT'S ONE DOWN-RIGHT CRAZY STORY.

...

I'LL TAKE IT. THANK YOU.

THAT'S FINE.

...YET IT SURE SEEMS TO NOT BE COMPLETELY BASELESS BULL EITHER, I HAVE TO ADMIT.

I'D RATHER NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU REALLY SAW ALL FUTURES...

SO SEEING ALL SORTS OF FUTURES...

HOW IS THAT USEFUL?

ONE QUES-TION.

AREN'T THINGS JUST GONNA HAPPEN A CERTAIN WAY NO MATTER WHAT?

YEAH.

THAT WOULD DEFINITELY BE HELP-FUL...

FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR LIFE ON THE RUN.

IT COULD PREVENT YOU FROM ENDING UP CORNERED, LIKE EARLIER.

THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE IS INTEL.

WHOA!

THAT'S SUPER-AWE-SOME!!

THAT'S POSSIBLE?!

OR...

I COULD IMPART TO THE PRESENT YOU...

...MOVES AND JUTSU FUTURE YOU HAS MASTERED.

WOULDN'T THAT ACCELERATE LEARNING AND OPTIMIZE TRAINING?

THERE'S NO TIMELINE PARADOX.

SINCE I'M ONLY RELAYING WHAT I SAW.

IT'S TOTALLY STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR PRESCIENCE.

I'LL ALSO TELL YOU HOW TO RESCUE UCHIHA SASUKE...

...FROM HIS TREE.

BUT FIRST, I NEED YOU TO UNDER-STAND...

...THAT'S POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW.

...THE VERY WORST FUTURE...

!

...FUTURE?

THE VERY WORST...

THEY WILL LIKELY SHOW UP BEFORE US AS MULTIPLE DIVINE TREE PEOPLE...

...WHO POSSESS INDIVIDUAL MINDS.

TEN TAILS WILL BREAK FREE OF CODE'S CONTROL...

...AND EVOLVE IN A NEW WAY.

...

IN NEARLY ALL THE FUTURES I SEE...

...THERE ARE DIVINE TREE PEOPLE.

...THE LIKELI-HOOD WE'D SUCCEED IS LOW.

IT WOULD BE IDEAL TO DISPOSE OF TEN TAILS ROOT AND BRANCH BEFORE THAT, BUT...

...IS THEIR LEADER, JURA.

AND MOST DANGEROUS AMONG THEM...

JURA?

BORUTO.

HE...

...IS GOING TO KILL YOU.

KAWAKI GETS DEVOURED.

AND WHAT FOLLOWS IS PRETTY SIMILAR.

AND OUR PLANET DIES.

BUT MANY FUTURES SHOW IT HAPPENING.

IT'S NOT AN ABSOLUTE THING.

...OUR FUTURE HAS ALREADY STARTED TO CHANGE, ONE TICK AT A TIME.

AND THROUGH YOU LEARNING ABOUT THIS NOW...

OBVIOUSLY, THIS MUST NOT COME TO PASS.

WE CAN'T LET THIS WORST CASE BECOME REALITY.

JUST KNOW...

...MISTER KOJI...

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE ARE INFINITE POSSIBLE FUTURES.

...AGREE TO ANY OPTION THAT INVOLVES KILLING KAWAKI, UNDER-STAND?

WHETHER IT'S STOPPING A DIVINE TREE PLAN OR WHATNOT...

...I'LL *NEVER*...

CUZ KNOCKING SENSE INTO MY IDIOT BRO...

...AND RESTORING THE UZUMAKI HOUSEHOLD...

...IS MY GOAL!

THAT MUCH IS CLEAR.

WHATEVER THE CASE, TEN TAILS IS IN MY WAY.

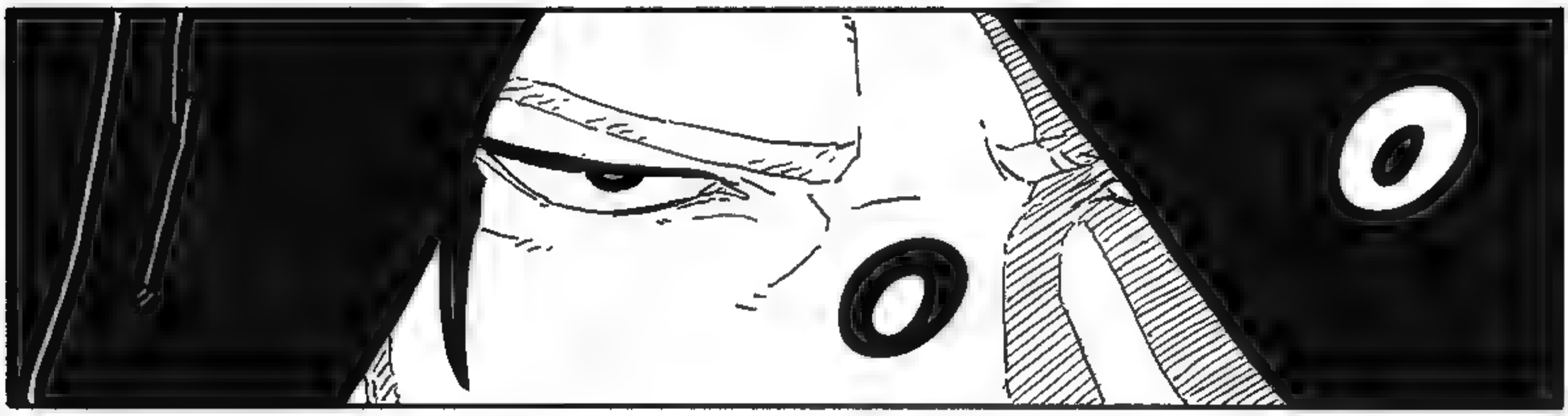
FSH

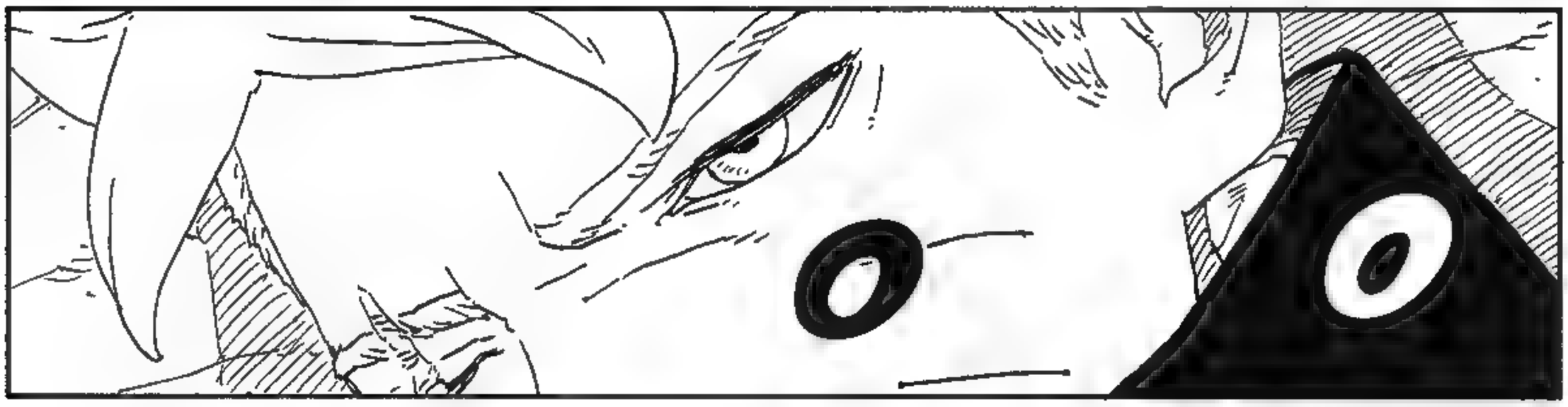
SQK

I'LL DO IT! FINISH OFF CODE...

...AND TEN TAILS BOTH!

SO DON'T BOTHER WASTING YOUR BREATH.

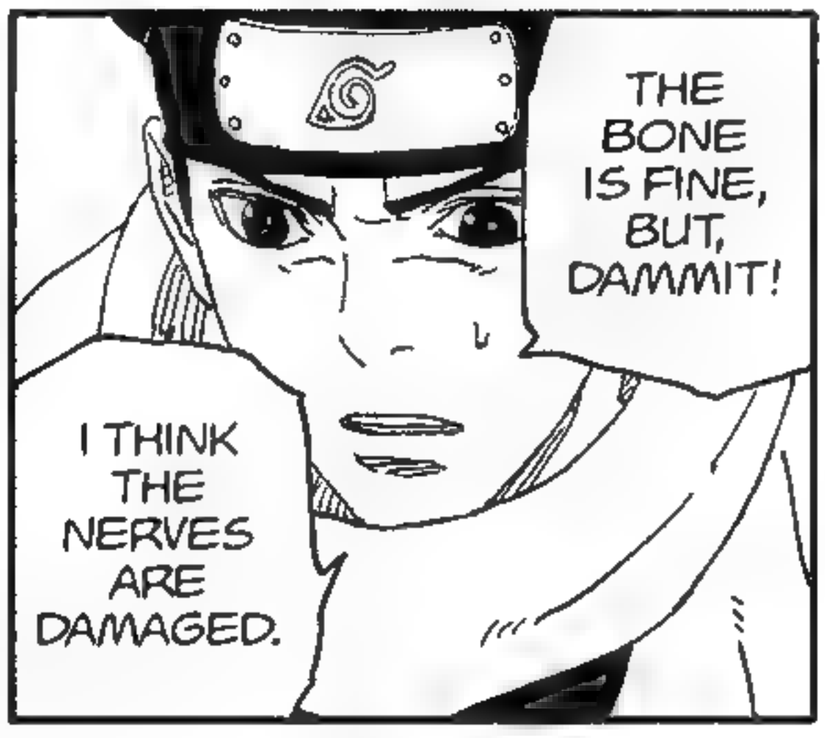




BORUTO
!
GGH
...
NO,
DON'T
MOVE!

...
NNH!

NEVER
MIND
ME!
PLEASE
TRIAGE
BORUTO!


I THINK
THE
NERVES
ARE
DAMAGED.
THE
BONE
IS FINE,
BUT,
DAMMIT!

MISTER NISHI?

OH!

MMH...

MM...

OH!

TAK

HEY!

DOES ANYTHING HURT AT ALL?

HIMAWARI! YOU'VE COME TO!

SHE'S INJURED!

SWOO

LEMME SEE!

TROT

SWOO

I'M HEALED !!

NO WAY!

WHA–?

BFF

!

HIMA-WARI?

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

!

HELP BORUTO TOO!

HIMA-WARI!

SINCE THE INJURY WASN'T THAT EX-TENSIVE...

...I THINK THIS'LL DO IT!

HOLD UP, HIMAWARI.

DON'T GO NEAR HIM.

BORUTO ?

HE CAME BACK?!

WE JUST GOTTA DO SOMETHING FIRST.

DON'T MISUNDER-STAND.

I'LL LET HER HEAL HIM.

BIG BRO...

KAWAKI! YOU...

CAN'T MISS THIS PERFECT OPPOR-TUNITY!

YES, INDEED.

RIGHT...

...MASTER KONOHA-MARU?

HUH?

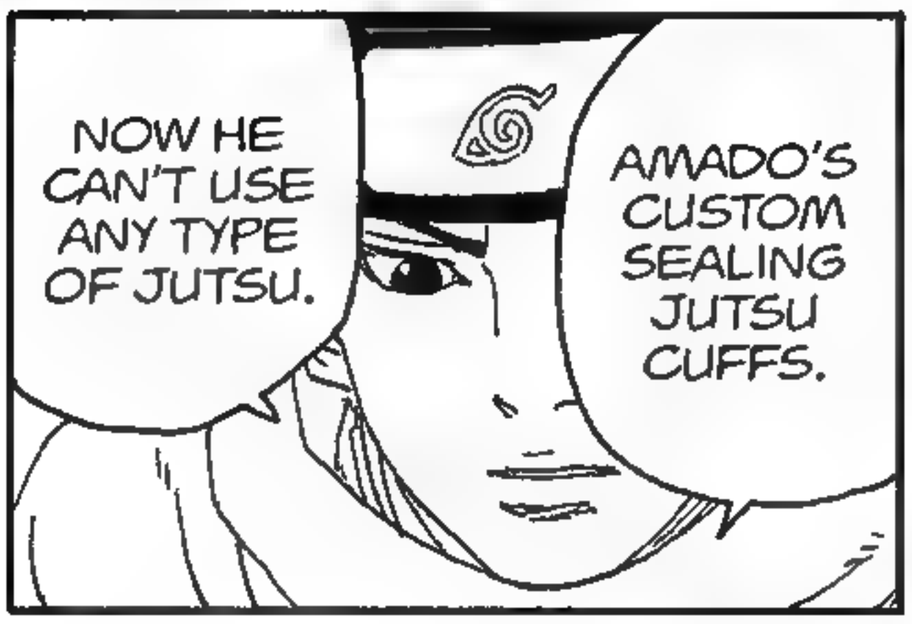
RSTL

MOVE ASIDE, SUMIRE.

MASTER, WHAT'RE YOU—

GCHK

DON'T WORRY.
I'LL BE GENTLE.
HMM


NOW HE CAN'T USE ANY TYPE OF JUTSU.
AMADO'S CUSTOM SEALING JUTSU CUFFS.

GRP

DON'T COMPLAIN, SARADA. IT'S A MEASURE DICTATED BY THE LAW.
MASTER KONOHA-MARU!!
ALERT LORD EIGHTH.
WE NEED THE INTEL HE POS-SESSES.

RBBT

...

RBBT

ISN'T THIS...!

...KASHIN KOJI'S?

BOF

GAH.

NAH.

NOTH-ING.

?!

HUH? WHAT IS IT?

WHAT A BOTHER-SOME TURN OF EVENTS.

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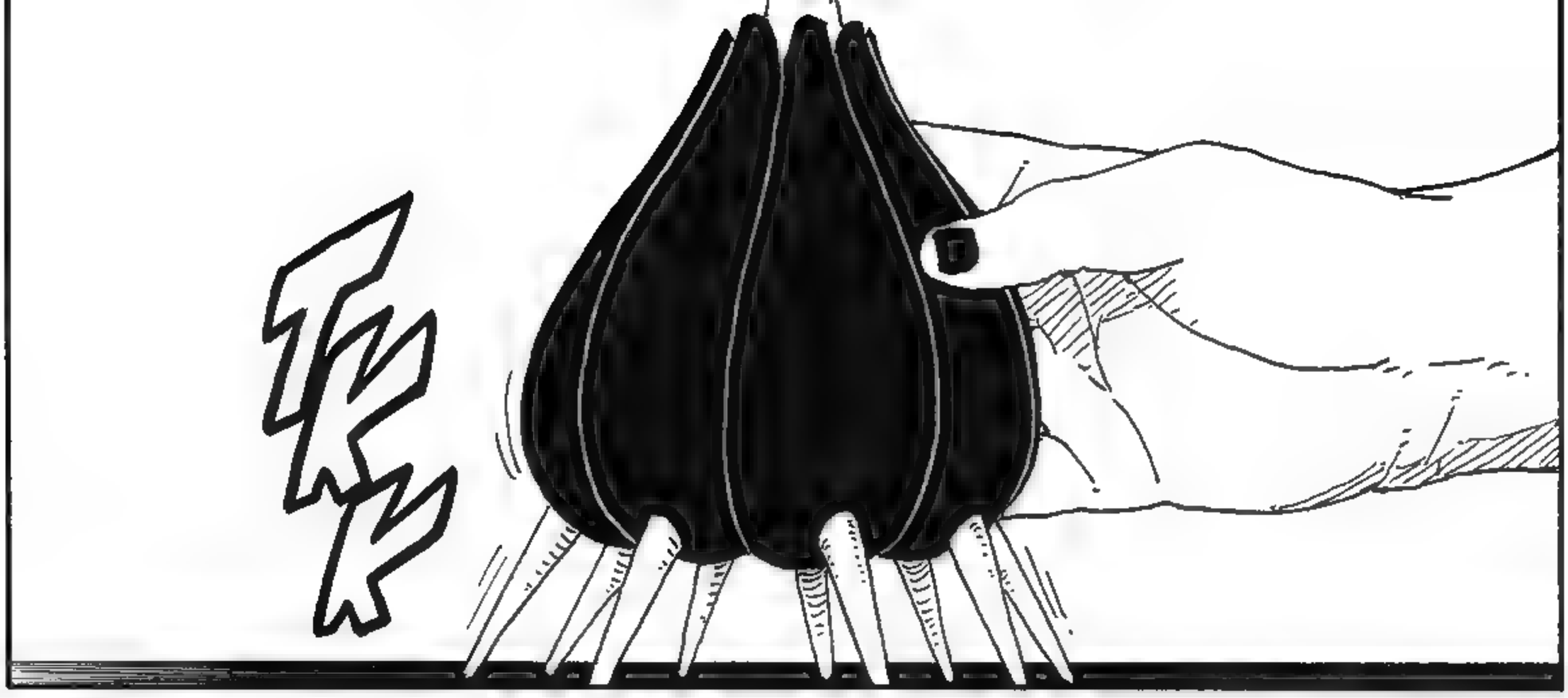

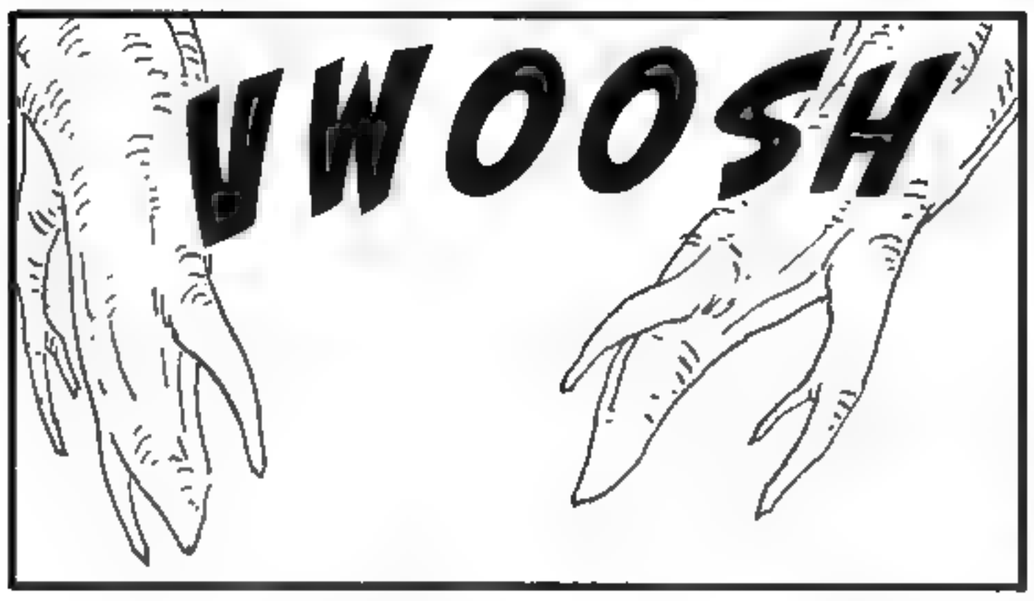
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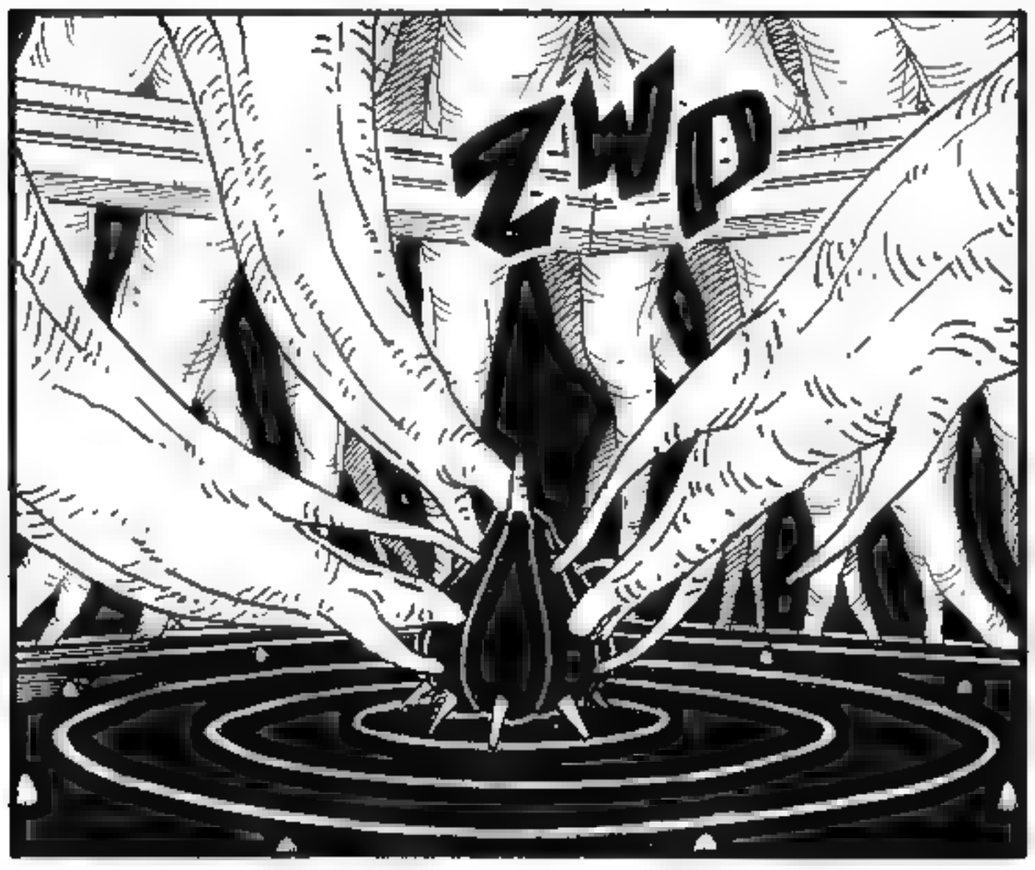
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SSH

GRKK-GRT

WELL, HIDARI.

ANY PROB-LEMS?

JURA...

ISN'T IT TIME?

SEEMS YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE HIDARI.

I SEE.

YOUR IDENTITY APPEARS TO BE STRONG AND INTACT.

GOOD.

...

I CAN'T TELL.

WHO KNOWS?

...WHAT'S GONNA EMERGE!

Y'KNOW, FOR *THAT.*

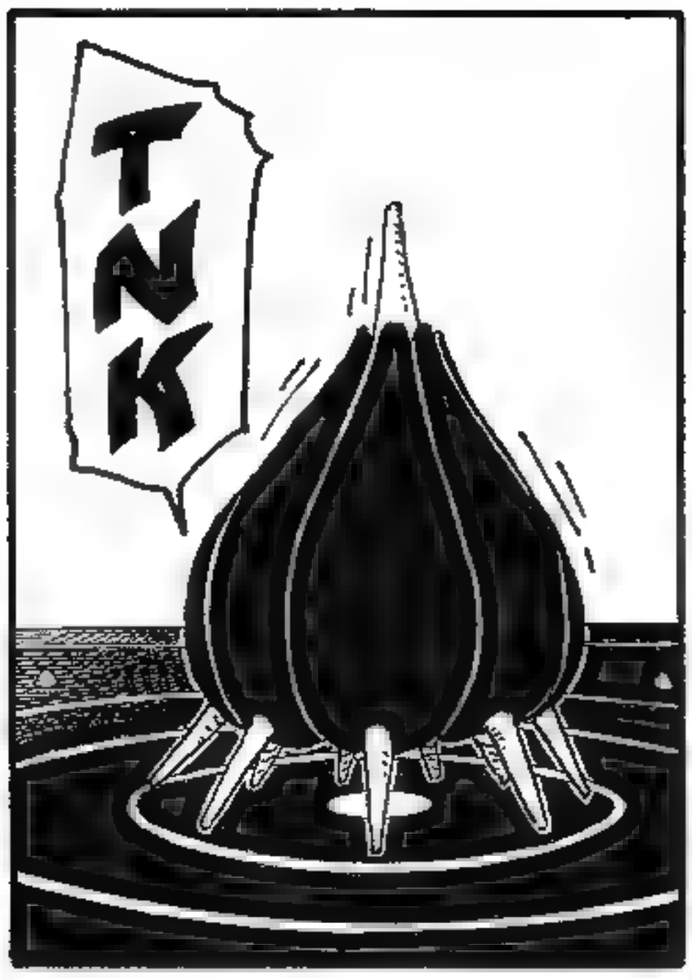
I'M CHOMPING AT THE BIT TO SEE...

ZPLNK

FLK

FINE.

HARVEST IT.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FWOOSH

WHP

...
NOW, WHAT TO NAME YOU...

14: Duty

BORUTO

-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

...

YOU'VE FINALLY COME TO.
RELAX, YOUR WOUND'S BEEN HEALED.

THEY EVEN SUPPRESS YOUR FAVORITE TELEPOR-TATION.

THEY'RE SEALING JUTSU CUFFS CRAFTED BY AMADO. NO AMOUNT OF WEAVING SIGNS WILL LEAD TO JUTSU ACTIVATION.

YOU'LL JUST INJURE YOUR ARMS.

AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO BREAK THEM. THEY MAY BE ELECTRONIC, BUT THEY'RE EXTREMELY RESISTANT TO IMPACT.

...

GCHK

...

WE LOST SEVERAL COMRADES THIS ROUND...

...BUT THEIR ACTUAL TARGETS, LIKE SARADA AND HIMAWARI, ARE SAFE, AS ARE THE INO-SHIKA-CHO TRIO.

THE ENEMY'S RUN OFF.

THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEIR CHAKRA IN OR AROUND THE VILLAGE.

IS EVERY-ONE ELSE OKAY?

AND WHERE'S THE ENEMY?

HE'S BEEN HEALED SO COMPLETELY IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...

THIS IS INCREDI-BLE!

...HIS BELLY HAD BEEN RUN THROUGH.

VW-N

...

PHEW!

LOOKS LIKE HIS CHAKRA FLOW WAS DISRUPTED, BUT NO WORRIES.

...HE'LL EVEN-TUALLY COME TO.

ONCE I GET IT GOING AGAIN...

GOOD THING YOU BROUGHT HIM HERE.

...HE'LL BE OKAY?

THEN...

WILL HE WAKE UP?

HE HASN'T EVEN TWITCHED.

...

...

NOW, BORUTO ...

LET'S HAVE A CHAT.

I'VE GOT A TON OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

...WHO ATTACKED KONOHA?

...

FIRST OFF, WHO WERE THOSE GUYS...

...

WHY DO THEY WANT SARADA AND HIMAWARI?

VWOOO

...

BORUTO'S INTERRO-GATION.

IT'S STARTED...

HEH HEH... IT AIN'T LOOKING GOOD, KAWAKI.

...IF BORUTO DECIDES TO LET ALL THE CATS OUTTA THE BAG?

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN...

...BUT YOU DID OUTRIGHT LIE ABOUT BORUTO KILLING THE HOKAGE.

I WONDER HOW EVERY-ONE'LL REACT WHEN THEY FIND OUT?

I MEAN, THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYONE LOONY ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR POSITIONS ARE FLIPPED...

...IT IS STILL HIS FAULT THAT LORD SEVENTH DISAP-PEARED.

IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING ...

NO MATTER WHAT BORUTO SAYS...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO BRING THAT UP, DAEMON.

QUIT POKING AT KAWAKI.

BUT BEFORE THAT...

KILLING HIM IS THE ONLY OPTION.

WHETHER IT'S NOW OR LATER.

A DANGEROUS OHTSUTSUKI WHO COULD RAMPAGE AT ANY MOMENT.

THAT'S HIS TRUE NATURE.

VWO

...WE NEED TO EXTRACT THE INTEL HE HAS...

...MYSTE-RIOUS MONSTERS.

...SO WE CAN DEAL WITH THOSE...

FOR EXAMPLE, OLD MAN SASUKE WAS THE BASE MODEL FOR HIDARI, WHO YOU JUST FOUGHT.

YEAH.

I'VE ALSO SEEN ONE CALLED MATSURI, WHOSE BASE MODEL IS MASTER MOEGI.

EACH ONE REFLECTS THE CHAKRA OF A PERSON DEVOURED BY TEN TAILS AND TURNED INTO A TREE.

DIVINE TREE *PEOPLE*...

...WHO POSSESS SELF-CONSCIOUS-NESS?

MATSURI?

...

WHAT ?!

!

...IN ORDER TO SUCK THE PLANET DRY OF LIFE AND PRODUCE A CHAKRA FRUIT.

IT KNOWS THIS INSTINC-TIVELY.

TEN TAILS'S INTENDED PURPOSE...

...IS TO DEVOUR AN OHTSUTSUKI, BECOME A DIVINE TREE, AND PUT DOWN ROOTS IN THE GROUND...

THE ONE MATSURI'S EAGER TO DEVOUR...

BE CAREFUL, MASTER KONOHA-MARU.

...IS *YOU.*

I SUSPECT THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT.

NAMELY...

...INFOR-MATION.

...WE SHOULD VIEW THEM AS *MORE* THAN SIMPLE BEASTS THAT ACT ON IMPULSE.

BUT NOW THAT THEY'VE ACQUIRED INTEL-LIGENCE...

...SEEKS EX-PERIENCES THAT LEAD TO NEW EMOTIONS AND KNOWLEDGE.

IN GENERAL, INTEL-LECTUAL CURIOSITY ...

...

INFOR-MATION, HUH?

...

HE'S A SPECIAL CASE.

UNLIKE THE OTHERS, HE HAS NO PROTOTYPE.

HE IS A DIRECT INCARNATION OF TEN TAILS...

...AND THE ONE STEERING THIS CRISIS WE'RE FACING RIGHT NOW.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT THEY'RE TRYING...

...TO GAIN INFOR-MATION ...

...BY DEVOURING SARADA, HIMAWARI, AND ME?

SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

AND THE ONE EGGING THEM ALL ON...

...IS THEIR LEADER, JURA.

...

JURA?

IN SHORT ...

...IF WE CAN DEFEAT JURA...

...THIS PLANET WOULD STOP BEING IN DANGER.

...

WHY DO YOU KNOW THESE THINGS?

HOW DID YOU FIGURE IT OUT?

...

HOW...

...ARE YOU SO CERTAIN?

...

ANSWER ME, BORUTO.

...DEPENDS ON IT.

OUR DECISION ON WHETHER TO TRUST YOU OR NOT...

WHAT?!

I HAVE A SOURCE, BUT...

...

...SORRY...

HE ASKED ME NOT TO.

FOR HIS OWN SAFETY.

...I CAN'T REVEAL HIS IDENTITY.

THE ONLY REASON I'M STILL ALIVE IS CUZ OF MY INTEL.

RIGHT?

BACK AT YA.

MOST OF YOU WANT ME DEAD.

YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE A TRAITOR'S TALE...

...WITHOUT A SINGLE OUNCE OF EVIDENCE?

NOT ACCEPT-ABLE.

DON'T YOU GET COCKY WITH US, RENEGADE.

ANY HOSTILE ELEMENTS WILL BE ELIMINATED ...

...USING ALL MEANS NECES-SARY.

WHATEVER OR WHOM-EVER THOSE MONSTERS DESIRE...

...WHAT WE OF KONOHA MUST DO DOES NOT CHANGE.

...

...KNOW THAT THERE IS *NO* CHANCE OF YOU LEAVING...

...THAT ROOM ALIVE.

THAT INCLUDES YOU, BORUTO.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU SAY OR DON'T...

...

...SPEAK WITH CAUTION.

SO GIVEN THAT...

WHYEVER DID YOU LAY A HAND ON...

...UZUMAKI NARUTO LORD SEVENTH?

TELL US, BORUTO.

...WE COULD AT LEAST OFFER YOU A PAINLESS DEATH.

BASED ON YOUR WORDS...

ALL RIGHT. I HEAR YOU.

...

BUT, BORUTO ...

IF YOU HAVE NO INTENT TO KILL KAWAKI...

...YOU NEED TO UNDER-STAND...

...THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE TAKING FALSE BLAME REGARDING NARUTO.

SEEING AS [____] EFFECT LIES WITH KAWAKI, I'D LIKE TO AVOID...

...MAKING HIM FEEL CORNERED AGAIN.

...NOT EXPOSING WHAT HE DID QUITE YET.

WHICH MEANS ...

SO YOU'LL NEED TO STAY A FUGITIVE.

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

YEAH, THAT'S FINE.

I WASN'T EXPECTING OTHER-WISE.

...THAT LIES WITH KAWAKI?

WHAT EXACTLY IS IT...

...

HUH?

...DO I FIND BORUTO TRUST-WORTHY?

AND ON WHAT BASIS...

...IS UZUMAKI BORUTO.

...FOR NO LOGICAL REASON...

...I AM CONVINCED THAT HE...

I HAVE THE MEMORY OF DECIDING TO BELIEVE THAT.

I DON'T KNOW.

AND YET, SOME-HOW...

AND THAT ACCEPTING THIS PREMISE...

...LEADS TO EVERYTHING FALLING INTO PLACE.

I DIDN'T KILL HIM.

HIS WIFE TOO. THEY'RE BOTH SOMEWHERE SAFE.

LORD SEVENTH IS ALIVE.

WHICH MEANS I CAN'T...

...LET BORUTO DIE HERE AND NOW!

OF ALL THE THINGS YOU COULD SAY...

THEY'RE BOTH SOME-WHERE SAFE?

WHAT ?!

!

...

AND WHERE IS THAT?

WHY DO THEY NEED TO HIDE?

I'M NOT TELLING.

I'M SPEECH-LESS.

YOU DROP SUCH A TALL TALE NOW?

I HAVEN'T TOLD A SINGLE LIE.

I JUST DON'T INTEND TO REVEAL ANYTHING TO YOU.

GOOD, GOOD.

FSH

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

INSOLENT BRAT.

YOU SEEK A PAINFUL DEATH?

HMM...

WE'RE FINALLY HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF A REAL INTER-ROGATION.

...BORUTO?

INO, IT'S ME.

HOW'S INOJIN'S DOING?

THIS IS ABOUT BORUTO, RIGHT?

STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH.

I WANNA TALK TO HIM OFF THE GRID AGAIN.

CAN YOU PULL HIM INTO THIS TRANSMIS-SION, RIGHT NOW?

...

YEAH.

THINGS AREN'T GOOD.

STILL ASLEEP, BUT NOTHING'S ABNOR-MAL.

HE'S GOOD.

THAT'S A RELIEF.

I'M GLAD. TRULY.

I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT...

EVEN OUR CONVO NOW...

...PERSONAL USE OF MIND TRANSMISSION JUTSU IS AGAINST REGULA-TIONS.

...IS ALREADY VIOLATING FIVE REGU-LATIONS.

PLUS ALL COMM CONTENT IS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED.

...

INO...?

...

IS THAT AN ORDER, HOKAGE?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK!

I TOLD YOU, IT'S A TOP SECRET MISSION!

BUT PLEASE, TRUST ME!

I NEED YOUR HELP!

INO, I GET HOW YOU FEEL, YOUR DISTRUST.

...BUT AS A FRIEND.

I'M NOT ORDERING YOU AS HOKAGE...

WHY DO YOU CHAMPION HIM SO MUCH?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND IT...

!

INO, WAIT!

INO!!

I'M SORRY, BUT...

...I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.

COOL YOUR HEAD, SHIKA-MARU.

THIS CAN'T KEEP HAPPENING. IT NEEDS TO STOP.

...

IF LORD SEVENTH IS SAFE, TELL US WHERE HE IS.

...AND YOU'LL DIE DISGRACED AS A HOKAGE-KILLING TRAITOR.

IF YOU CAN'T, YOUR CLAIM ISN'T GOING TO FLY...

...

GRP

WH

AM

...THESE LAST THREE YEARS.

I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO PUMMEL THE CRAP OUT OF YOU FOR KILLING NARUTO...

YOU SEE, BORUTO ...

...TO HAVE SO MUCH FREE TIME...

IT MUST BE NICE...

...

GNK

GOFF!

WOW

NICE GLARE. LET'S SEE...

...HOW LONG IT LASTS.

...

IBIKI, ENOUGH.

IT'S USE-LESS.

HE ISN'T THE TYPE TO BREAK UNDER PAIN.

SUMMON MITSUKI.

LET'S USE VENOM.

MITSUKI HAS SHOWN STRONG KILLING URGES TOWARDS BORUTO.

...TO KILL BORUTO OUTRIGHT THE MOMENT HE SEES HIS FACE!

FORGET INTER-ROGATION-- WORST CASE, HE MAY JUST TRY...

!

LORD EIGHTH ...

I DON'T THINK THAT'S WISE!

...

CALL HIM IN, NOW.

I'LL TAKE THE FALL.

THAT'S FINE.

WHAT?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE...

...BORUTO'S PLANNING TO TELL THEM WHAT YOU DID, KAWAKI.

HE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO PROTECT ...

...YOUR STANDING IN KONOHA.

WHAT THE HECK?

I DON'T GET THAT GUY.

WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?

...

FWH

HERE. GO ON IN.

PIP PIP PIP

GRD

MITSUKI ...

...

CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS ...

...AND PERFORM YOUR DUTY.

UNDER-STAND?

REMEM-BER, WE ARE SHINOBI...

...AND THIS IS A MISSION.

KCHK

...

...DO **NOT** KILL HIM, ALL RIGHT?

OUR PURPOSE IS TO EXTRACT THAT INFO, SO REMEMBER...

LISTEN, MITSUKI, BORUTO IS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

THERE'S A CHANCE HE'S HIDING INTEL CRITICAL TO KONOHA'S SAFETY.

...IDIOTICALLY SEARCHING FOR YOUR SUN?

ARE YOU STILL...

HEY, MITSUKI...

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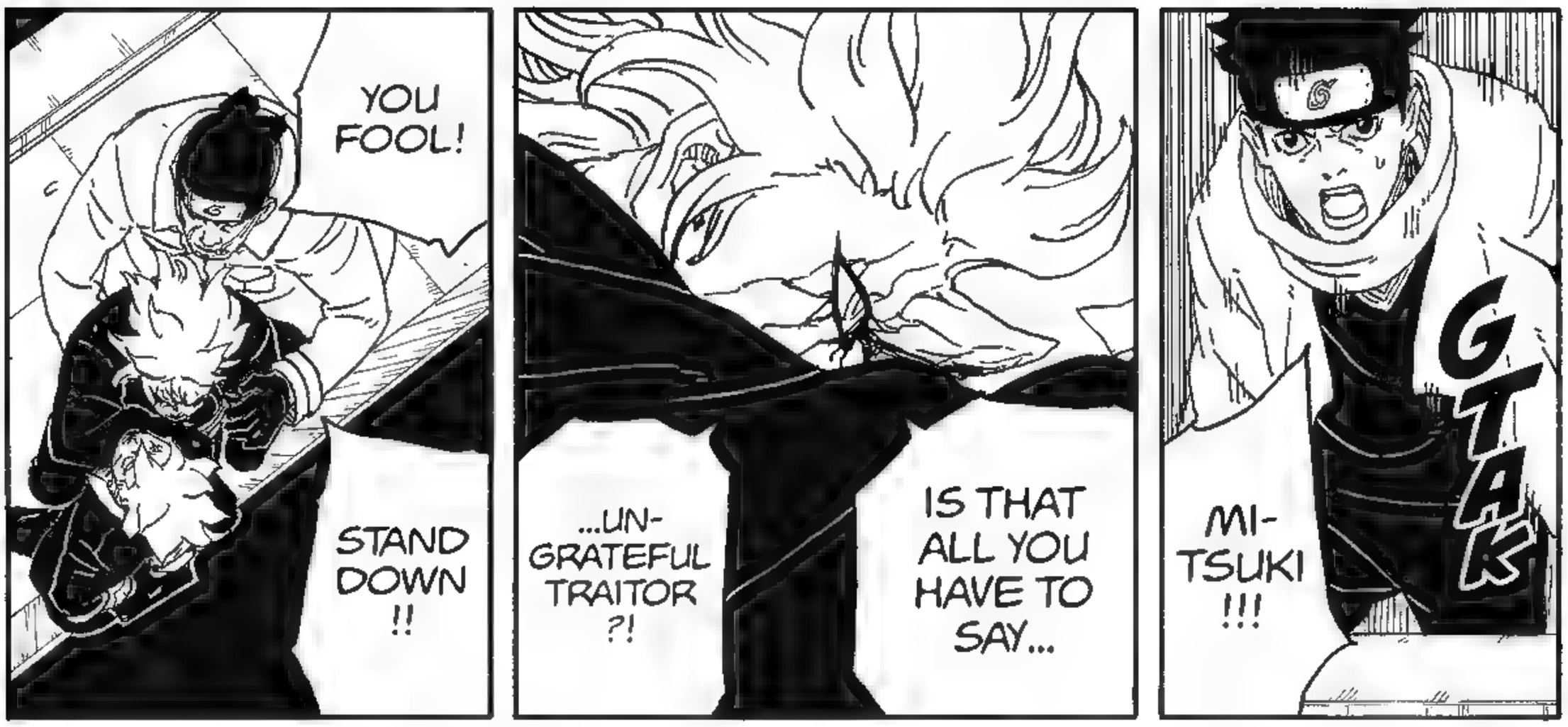

YOU FOOL!
STAND DOWN !!
...UN-GRATEFUL TRAITOR ?!
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY...
MI-TSUKI !!!
GTAK

KSHNK

TP
TP-TP
TP

SSSH

GRB

DAMMIT !!

I WARNED YOU--

YOUR STUFF IS IN THE WEST WING SECURITY OFFICE.

THERE ARE TWO GUARDS.

JUST TO BE CLEAR...

FSH

SHF

!

I'M EVEN OKAY SHARING INTEL, *AS NEEDED.*

WHICH *I'LL* DECIDE.

...I DON'T SEE ANY OF YOU AS FOES.

NO WAY!

HE SLIPPED THE CUFFS!

...WILL BE ENTIRELY UP TO YOU.

AND HOW YOU USE IT...

ONLY IBIKI AND I... AND LORD EIGHTH KNOW THE FOUR-DIGIT KEY CODE.

AND BESIDES, MITSUKI HAS NO REASON TO HELP BORUTO.

MITSUKI UNLOCKED THEM?

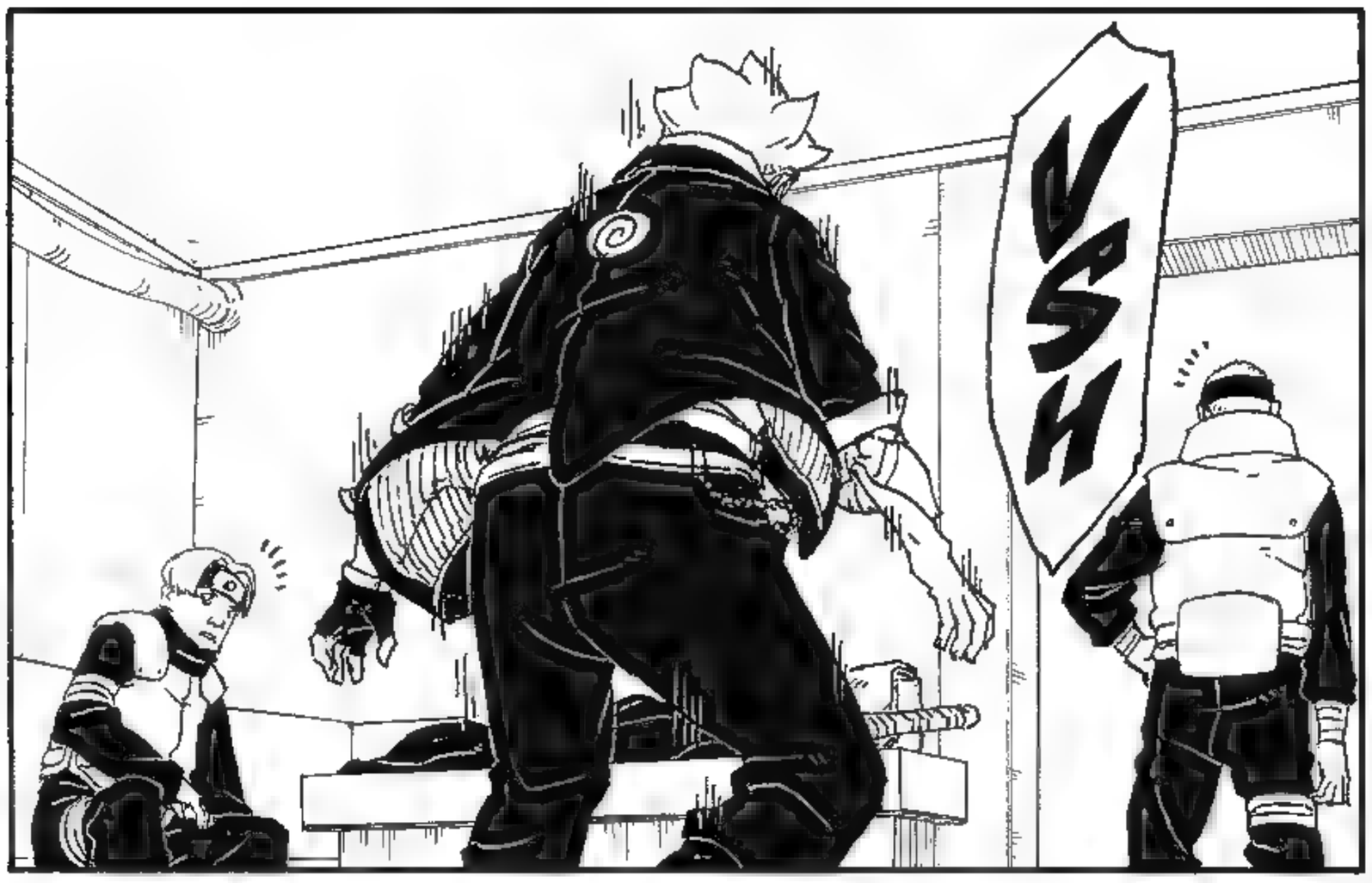
NO, IT CAN'T BE.

GAH ...

I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE RESISTANT EVEN TO HIGH IMPACT?!

FOISTING SUCH JUNK ON US.

THAT DAMN BASTARD AMADO.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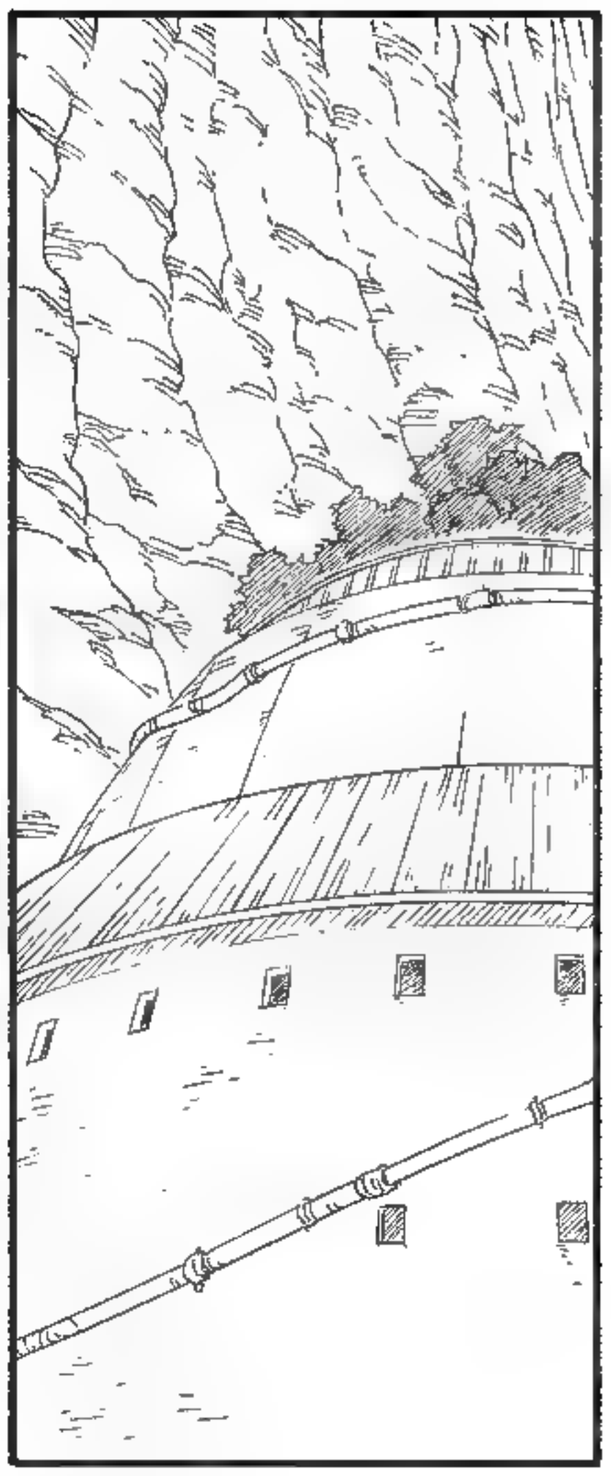

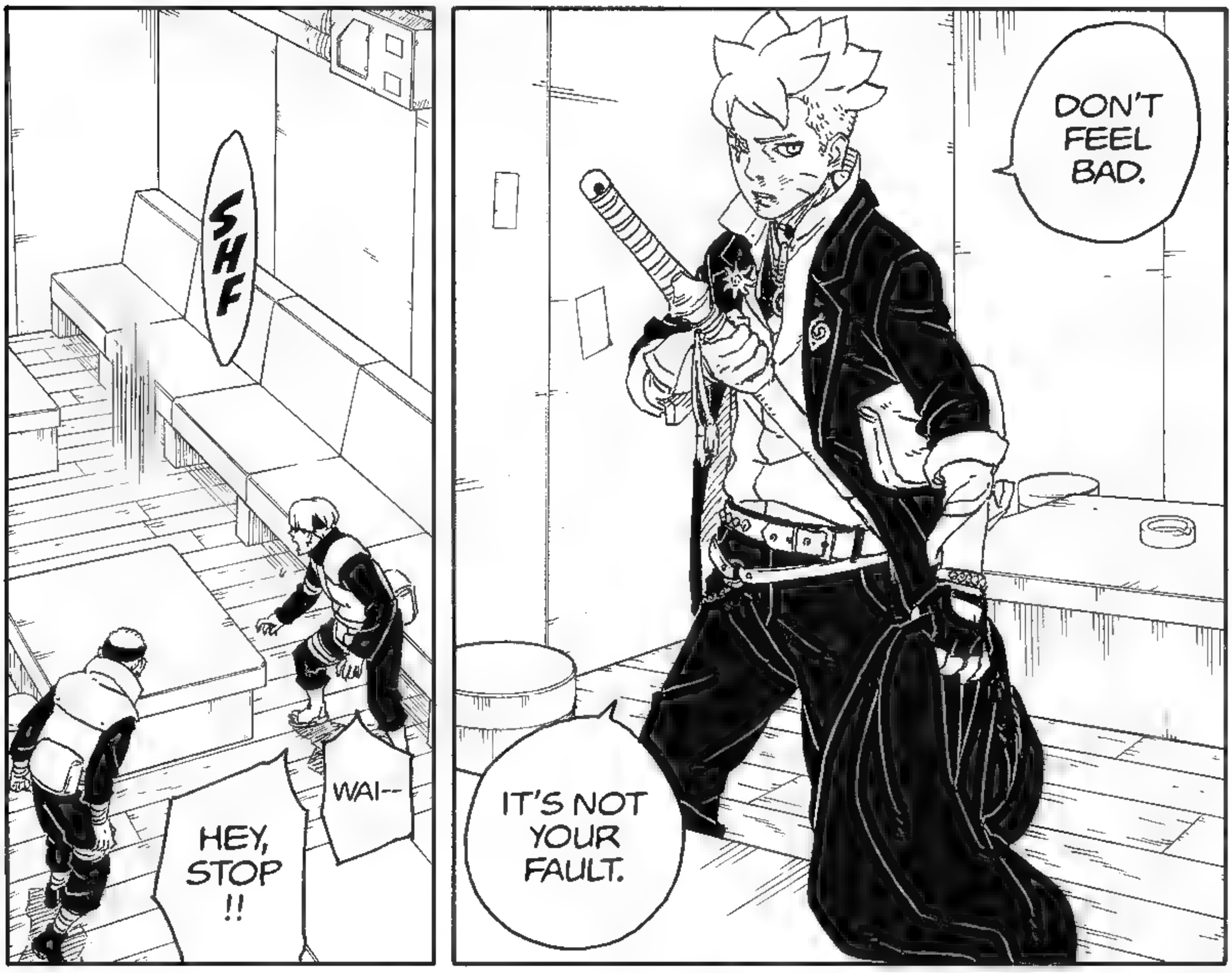
DON'T FEEL BAD.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
HEY, STOP !!
WAI--

...

IT'S UNDER-STAND-ABLE.

LOOK, LORD EIGHTH SANC-TIONED THIS PLAN...

...SO DON'T BEAT YOUR-SELF UP.

...

I LOST MY COOL AND BLEW IT.

I'M SO SORRY, MASTER KONOHA-MARU...

YOU'VE WASTED OUR ONE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING HIM DOWN.

WHAT AN ABSOLUTE BLUNDER.

...

BEWARE, SHIKAMARU, THERE SHALL BE...

...LASTING CONSE-QUENCES FROM THIS.

THE DAIMYOS WILL BE QUITE UNHAPPY, WITHOUT A DOUBT.

MY ABJECT APOLO-GIES.

I'LL LAUNCH A MAN-HUNT.

...
I SAID, MOVE ASIDE!
I TOLD YOU...
...I JUST WANNA TALK TO HIM!!
WHAT WAS THE RESULT...
...OF BORUTO'S INTERRO-GATION?
LORD EIGHTH!
GAH, WHAT NOW?
LET THEM IN.
HUH?
HE ESCAPED.
...

I'M IN THE HOKAGE OFFICE.

PATCH IT THROUGH DIRECTLY.

...

LORD EIGHTH?

WE'VE RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL FROM LORD KANKURO OF THE VILLAGE OF SAND.

VW

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OOO

GAARA'S BEEN TAKEN DOWN.

HIS ADOPTED SON SHINKI TOO.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SHIKA-MARU.

SORRY TO BOTHER YA.

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

KAN-KURO.

WHAT?!

I'LL EXPLAIN MORE LATER, BUT...
...FORGIVE MY BLUNTNESS. COULD YOU LEND US A HAND?!
SHINKI'S GOT THAT TREE AFFLICTION.
FORTU-NATELY, THEY'RE BOTH ALIVE.

HOW DO YOU FEEL...

FINALLY AWAKE?

...RYU?

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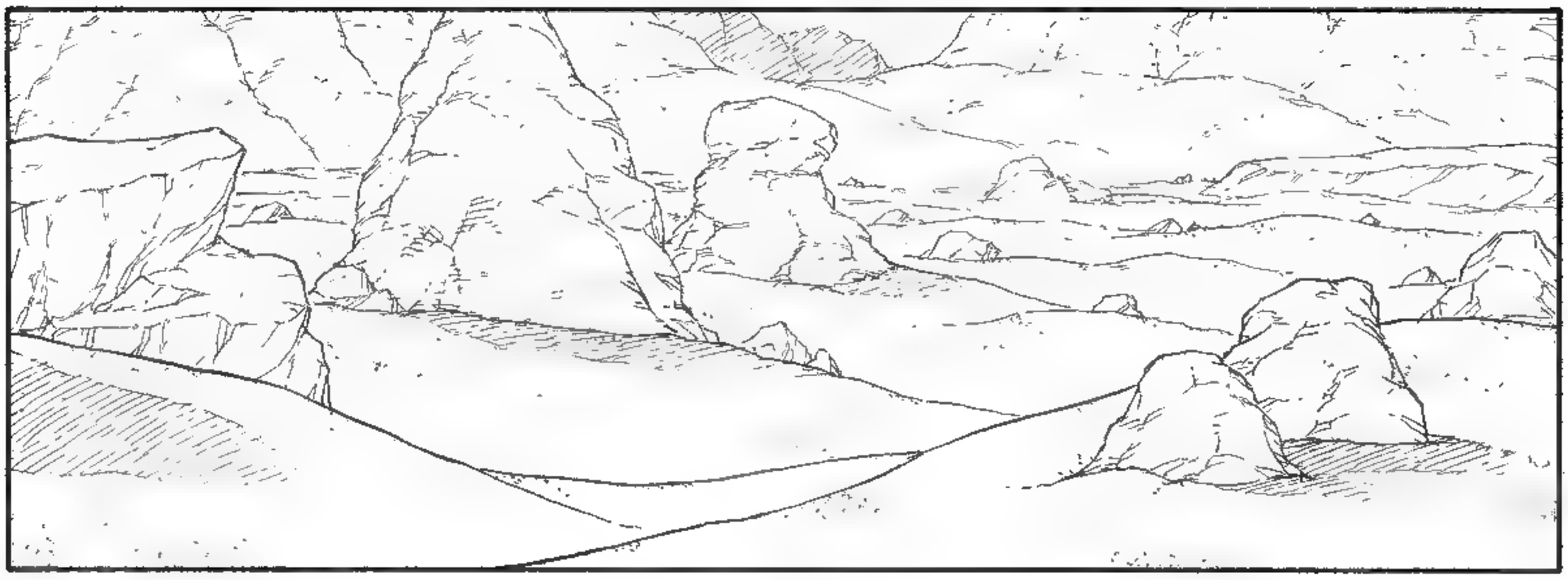

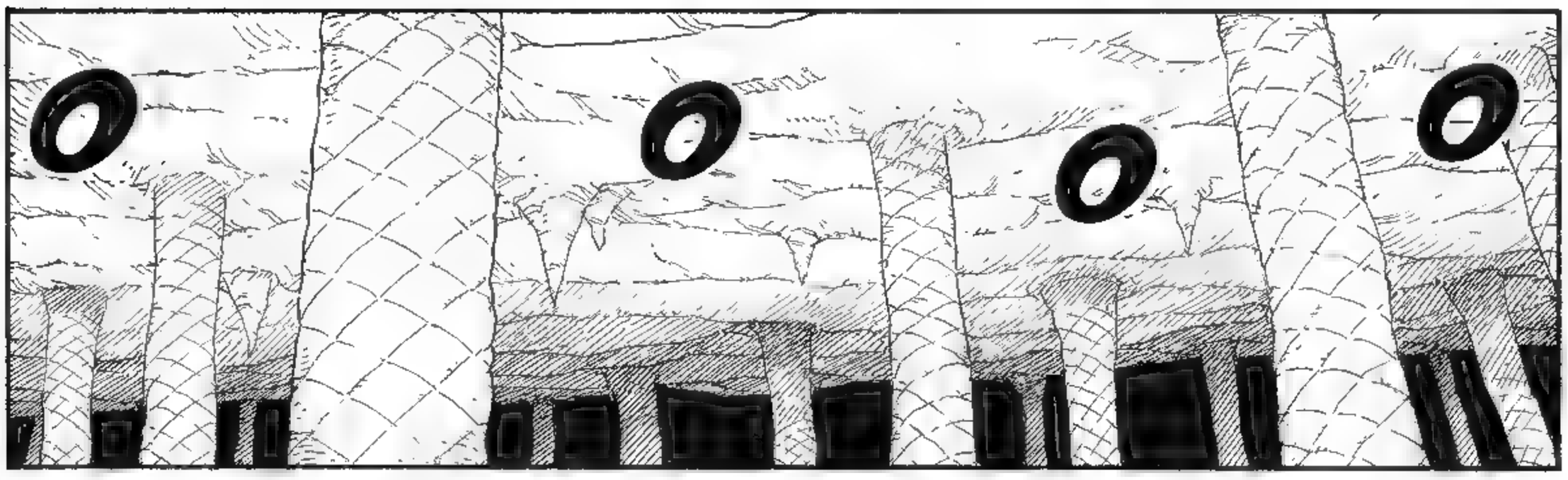

WHY, FATHER ?!
LET US FIGHT WITH YOU!!!
PLEASE UNDO YOUR SAND!!

AGH!

I'M TRANS-PORTING YOU OUT OF HERE.

UNDER-STAND?

YOU'RE TO ESCAPE. THAT'S AN ORDER.

HUFF

HUFF

NO.

I TOLD YOU.

I ONLY CAME HERE FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF BORUTO AND HIS ACCOM-PLICES.

NONE OF ***YOU*** REALLY MATTER TO ME.

FATHER !!!

THAT'S WHY I'M DOING THIS...

I CANNOT HAVE THESE PROMISING YOUTHS DIE HERE.

EVEN AT THE COST OF MY OWN LIFE.

I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE THE LUXURY OF BEING CONCERNED ABOUT THE KIDS BEHIND YOU.

HEY, IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WOUND...

...YOU'RE GONNA DIE.

WAFT

WHO

FINE, THEN.

...I'M OKAY WITH LETTING THEM GO.

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RESIST...

LORD KAZE-KAGE !!!

SWOOO

TP

TP

GRRR

SUNA-GAKURE'S FUTURE...

...IS IN YOUR HANDS.

HSSS

ZSH

SHOOO

WHP

MAGNETIC PARTICLE BARRIER PALM!!!

RA

R

GOSH

!
SHINKI, NO--
!!
GRWR
FATHER, YOU ARE STILL NEEDED...
...FOR SUNA-GAKURE'S FUTURE!!
OH, YOU BAD, BAD BOY.
NOT DOING AS YOUR PAPA SAYS.

SHINKI !!!

NO, YODO!!

KRACK

UNH!

DON'T MIND ME! GO!!!

TELL UNCLE KANKURO WHAT'S HAPPENED !!!

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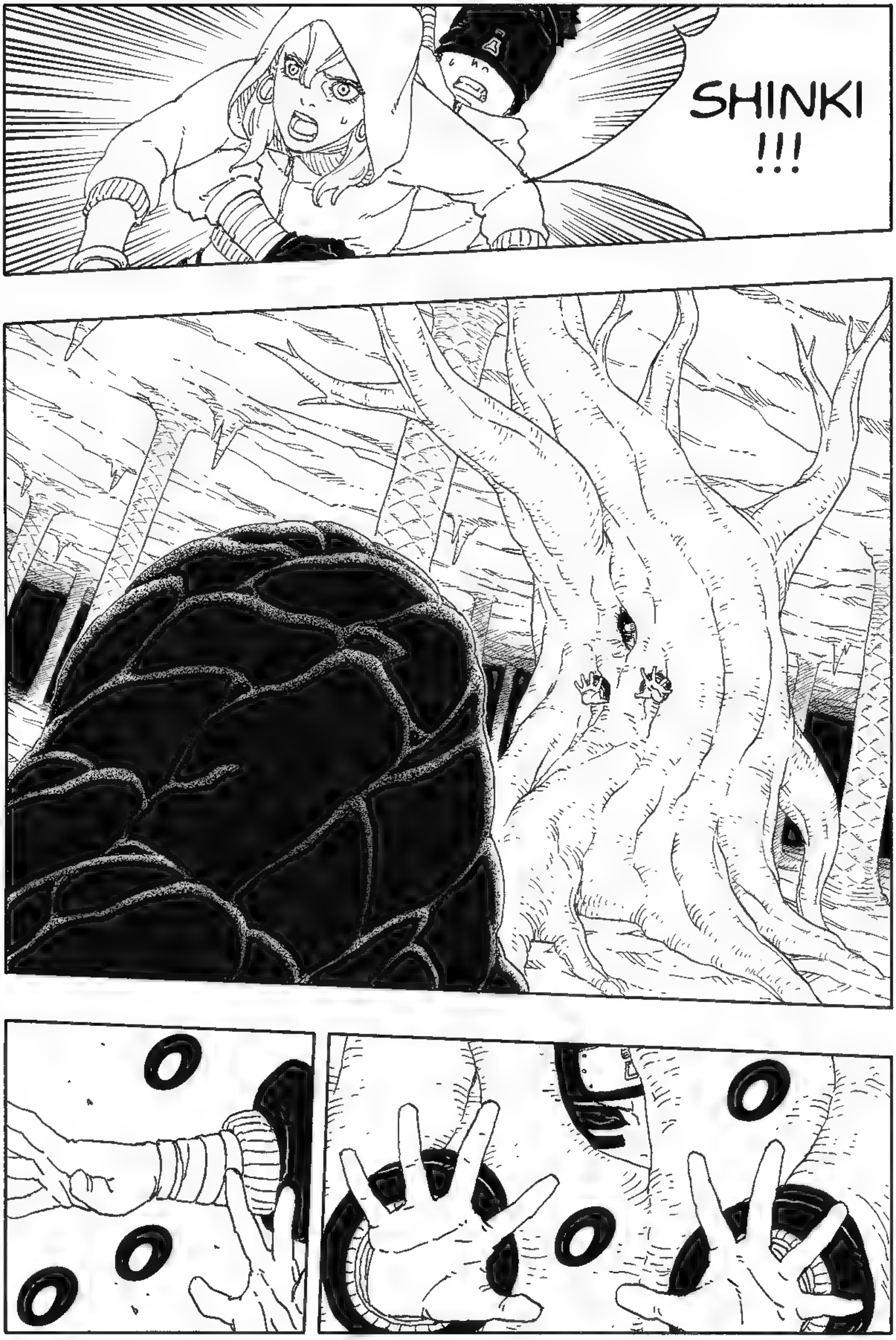
AHH !!


SHINKI
!!!

...
SSH

THAT KIND OF GRIT IS ADMIRABLE.

HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO PROTECT HIS MASTER.

HE MIGHT MAKE AN INTER-ESTING...

SEEMS IT STAYS IN EFFECT AS LONG AS HE'S ALIVE.

...HIS SEALING JUTSU PERSISTS.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S BECOME A TREE...

VWOOO

...TEAM-MATE.

HOWEVER, IT ISN'T POSSIBLE TO SAVE HIM AT THE PRESENT.

BECAUSE ONLY SHINKI HIMSELF CAN UNDO THAT BARRIER.

...SHINKI APPEARS TO STILL BE ALIVE DESPITE BECOMING A TREE.

AS PER THE DETACH-MENT...

...GAARA, WHILE TEETERING ON THE EDGE, HAS ALSO ESCAPED DEATH.

AND THANKS TO THAT SEALING JUTSU HE SET...

I HAVE ONE QUESTION, KANKURO.

UNDER-STOOD.

SO FOR GAARA'S SAKE TOO, WE WANT...

...TO RESTORE SHINKI FIRST.

SINCE THAT DAY...

...BEEN SPOTTED IN THE VICINITY?

...HAS ANYONE BEARING THE SAME CHAKRA SIGNATURE AS SHINKI...

TEACH US HOW, IF YOU KNOW.

IN TERMS OF THE TREE STATE, WE'RE STILL INVESTIGATING.

WE'RE ANALYZING OUR INTEL AND DEVISING COUNTERMEASURES.

AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANYTHING, I'LL SHARE IT.

...

OKAY, GOOD.

BUT KEEP AN EYE OUT.

NO.

THERE'S BEEN NO SUCH REPORT SO FAR.

...

COULD YOU KEEP THIS FROM TEMARI FOR NOW?

THANKS.

...SHIKAMARU?

OH, AND ...

SURE.

RIGHT.

DON'T WANT TO WORRY HER.

...MORE OF THEM?!

YOU DON'T MEAN...

...WE'RE GONNA START SEEING...

...

PIP

LISTEN, IF BORUTO CONTACTS YOU...

I JUST WANT MORE OF HIS INTEL.

...LET ME KNOW.

POTEN-TIALLY, YES.

WE'VE GOT TO CONSIDER THE POS-SIBILITY.

...

...

YESSIR.

"RYU"...

IS THAT MY NAME?

I CAME UP WITH IT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

...IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH YOUR IDENTITY.

YOUR NAME IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PIECE OF INFORMATION YOU NEED...

...

SHH...

A MOMENT, PLEASE, DEAR ELDERS.

WHAT THE?

RYU, EH?

I'M QUITE TAKEN WITH IT.

YOU KNOW ME WELL, ELDER JURA.

*NOTE: "RYU" CAN MEAN "GRAIN OF SAND."

ZWWWWWW

ZWW

ZWW

!
ZBB
ZWWWW
ZWOP

...

OH!

!

GARGH
...

LEMME GO, DAMMIT !!

HE SEEMS TO BE LURKING AND SNIFFING AROUND.

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?

REALLY ?

WOW.

HIS NAME IS CODE, AND ALL OF US HERE...

NO MATTER. RELEASE HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, CODE?

DO YOU HAVE NEED OF US?

KOFF

ACK...

...OWE OUR EX-ISTENCE TO HIM.

WE PLAN TO EVENTUALLY, BUT IN THE MEAN-TIME...

...TAKING PRIORITY.

...THERE IS A MOUNTAIN OF OTHER CONCERNS...

WHAT THE HECK ARE Y'ALL STANDING AROUND FOR?

HUFF

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

WHY AREN'T YOU OUT TRYING TO DEVOUR OHTSU-TSUKI?

I'LL BE THE ONE TO DECIDE WHO I'M GONNA KILL.

YOU MONSTERS JUST CONCENTRATE ON DEVOURING OHTSUTSUKI!

HEY.

THAT'S QUITE AN ATTITUDE YOU'RE COPPING.

YOU HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST BORUTO, NO?

KAWAKI ALONE IS SUFFICIENT AS FODDER.

HE'S A TARGET OF ELIMINATION FOR US AS WELL, SO FEEL FREE TO GO KILL HIM.

CHAKRA FRUIT, EH?

A MASS OF HIGHLY DENSE ENERGY...

...AND THE GENETIC INFORMATION OF ALL LIFE ON A PLANET.

I WONDER ...

...WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DIVINE TREES ATE IT?

...DON'T YOU FORGET ...

AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT...

I WILL BECOME A NEW OHTSUTSUKI AND INHERIT ISSHIKI'S WILL.

...THAT THE CHAKRA FRUIT'S MINE!

...

...IMPLY THAT YOU'RE THINKING OF DEFYING ME?

HEY.

DID YOU JUST...

WHP

THWB

WOO

YOU CLEARLY NEED TO BE TAUGHT WHAT PAIN IS!

!

GWEE

BOP

THD

YOU BESTOWED UPON US THE ABILITY TO THINK FREELY.

I AM TRULY GRATEFUL TO YOU, CODE.

THANKS TO YOU, WE NOW ENJOY GLORIOUS DAYS FULL OF STIMULATION.

AAARGH!!

SO OUT OF RESPECT TO YOU, OUR BENE-FACTOR...

...I BELIEVE I SHALL ASSIGN YOU A TASK.

I THINK...

...*YOUR* LIFE ACTUALLY LACKS A WEE BIT OF MOTIVATION.

ARGH ...!

HUFF

HUFF

SUCCEED, AND IN EXCHANGE ...

...I PROMISE TO OFFER YOU THE CHAKRA FRUIT.

!

OHTSU-TSUKI BORUTO, AND HIS...

...AS YET UNIDENTIFIED ACCOM-PLICES.

FIND AND KILL THEM.

WELL?

...SOME COLOR INTO YOUR FADED LIFE?

DOES THAT NOT INJECT...

THWAP THWAP

THWAP

...

HEH HEH HEH...

WHY IS IT...

...I FEEL SO RE-FRESHED?

...THAT WHEN I WATCH YOUR PITIFUL FLAILING ...

HUFF HUFF

DAMMIT !!

...YOU BASTARDS !!

HOW DARE YOU MOCK ME...

...I'LL HAVE YOU HAND OVER THE CHAKRA FRUIT!!

AND IN RETURN ...

...BY ANY MEANS...

YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME TWICE!

I'LL DO IT!

I'LL KILL BOTH BORUTO AND HIS COMRADES!!

I'M PULLING FOR YOU. GOOD LUCK.

...TO SEEING WHERE YOUR DESTINY LEADS.

I EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD ...

IT'S A DEAL!

...

...WHO HAS THE LAST LAUGH.

SMIRK WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

FOR I'LL BE THE ONE...

...YOUR CURRENT PRIORITY IS SOMETHING ELSE.

YOU ARE FREE TO DO SO, BUT...

WHAT A NASTY CREEP.

MAY I KILL HIM THE NEXT TIME HE SHOWS UP?

YOUR INSTINCT.

SO THAT YOU CAN SEE...

TURN YOUR EARS INWARD TO YOUR HEART.

...THE FACE OF THE TARGET...

...YOU ARE MEANT TO DEVOUR.

THE FIFTH KAZEKAGE ...

...GAARA OF THE SAND, OF COURSE.

THAT'S ALREADY A GIVEN.

A SPECIAL JUTSU MIGHT HAVE HIM SEALED AWAY RIGHT NOW...

...BUT SINCE I'M ABLE TO RELEASE SAID JUTSU...

SAY IT ALOUD.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE?

VWOOO

DMD

...

...

ARE YOU ALONE?

YUP.

THOUGH EIDA'S PROBABLY WATCHING.

...WHY *YOU* HAVEN'T ...

...TOLD KONOHA THE TRUTH?

I WANNA KNOW...

WHAT'S WRONG?

...

WHY HAVEN'T YOU ATTACKED?

WHILE SOME MIGHT BELIEVE ME...

...THERE'LL BE OTHERS WHO WON'T.

I'D RATHER AVOID THAT.

IT'LL JUST CREATE DIVISION AND CONFUSION.

...

NOTHING GOOD WOULD COME OF IT.

...BEEN ABLE TO GAIN UNWAVERING STRENGTH.

BESIDES, I'VE...

...

AT LEAST RIGHT NOW...

...KONOHA'S FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.

THANKS TO MY TEACHER.

SO LET THEM PERSECUTE ME AS A ROGUE NINJA.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.

FROM WHAT I SAW EARLIER ...

...YOU STILL CAN'T CONTROL YOUR KARMA.

THINGS AIN'T SETTLED WITH HIM YET, ARE THEY?

WHAT ABOUT THAT BASTARD MOMO-SHIKI?

...

...

THAT'S WHEN I SENSED IT.

...WHEN-EVER MOMO-SHIKI POS-SESSED ME.

SOME-THING SIMILAR TO THE FEELING I GOT...

...WHEN MY TEACHER AND I FOUGHT CODE TO-GETHER..

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO...

...SINCE I'D LEFT THE VILLAGE.

...I USED MY KARMA FOR THE FIRST TIME...

WHAT ?!

...I HAVEN'T USED KARMA ONCE.

SINCE THEN...

...AND STARTED DYING WHILE STILL CONSCIOUS AND AWARE...

A FEELING WHERE I STOPPED BEING WHO I AM...

I DUNNO.

...BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT ACTIVATING KARMA WILL CAUSE HIM TO EMERGE.

HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY QUIET THESE PAST THREE YEARS...

WHY'D IT HAPPEN?

WHAT BROUGHT IT ON?

...

SO IN SOME WAYS, THINGS HAVE GOTTEN WORSE!

DAMMIT!

ESPE-
CIALLY
JURA.

I NEED
YOUR
HELP.

I CAN'T
TAKE HIM
DOWN BY
MYSELF.

HUH?

KAWAKI,
YOU'VE
PROBABLY
REALIZED
THIS
ALREADY,
BUT...

...THOSE
DIVINE TREE
PEOPLE
ARE NO
ORDINARY
ENEMY.

ONCE
THEY'RE
GONE...

...IF I
HAPPEN
TO LOSE IT
AND RUN
AMOK...

...GO
AHEAD
AND KILL
ME.

ALL I'M
SAYING IS
THAT THE
DIVINE
TREES
COME
FIRST.

HEY.

DON'T
CHANGE
THE
TOPIC.

WE'RE
NOT DONE
DISCUSSING
MOMOSHIKI.

...

BUT FOR EITHER SITUA-TION...

...YOU NEED TO GET A LOT STRONGER.

YOU'RE MY DAD'S STUDENT.

NORMALLY, THE IDEAL SCENARIO WOULD BE FOR YOU...

...TO FREE HIM AND HAVE HIM TRAIN YOU DIRECTLY.

...

HOLD ON.

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

KAWAKI, WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...

...IS A CONCLUSION THAT YOU WOULD'VE REACHED ON YOUR OWN SOONER OR LATER.

...HERE IT IS.

SO SINCE QUICKER IS BETTER...

BUT THAT'S NOT A REALISTIC OPTION...

...CUZ IT'D TAKE TOO LONG.

HUH?

?!

GET AMADO TO TALK.

IN ADDITION TO PUTTING LIMITERS ON YOUR OFFENSIVE ABILITIES...

...HE'S ADJUSTED YOUR DEFENSIVE ...

...AND REGEN-ERATIVE ABILITIES TO ABOVE MAXIMUM LEVELS.

HE'S BEEN HIDING...

...YOUR POWER FROM YOU.

LIKELY CUZ HE CAN'T AFFORD FOR ME TO DIE.

THAT GEEZER ...

VVV

...

WHAT ?!

RBBT

BO
F

HOW DID...

...BORUTO FIND OUT?

GAH.

WHAT'S HIS MOTIVE?

...WHAT COULD HE DO AT THIS POINT?

AND SAY THAT HE WERE...

THEN THAT TOAD MINION THE OTHER DAY WAS THE REAL DEAL?

AMADO NEEDS YOUR KARMA FOR HIS OWN SELF-SERVING PURPOSES.

I BET HE THOUGHT CODE WOULD ATTACK YOU.

HE MESSED WITH YOUR ABILITIES TO TRY TO PREVENT YOUR DEATH.

...IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE KOJI IS ALIVE.

BUT EVEN IF IT WAS...

BORUTO.

IF YOU THINK I'M LYING, ASK AMADO.

I'M HEADING OUT NOW.

INCLUDING ...

EVERY SINGLE ONE HAS TO BE ELIMI-NATED.

...YOU AND ME.

OHTSUTSUKI ARE EVIL AND NEED TO BE EXTERMI-NATED.

I AIN'T CHANGING MY OPINION.

BUT WE'LL START...

...WITH THOSE PESKY DIVINE TREES.

THOSE DIVINE TREE PEOPLE?

IT'S THE OHTSU-TSUKI'S FAULT FOR BRINGING THE TEN TAILS.

...PARTNER-ING WITH YOU.

BY ANY MEANS NECES-SARY.

EVEN...

HEH!

...

YOU BETTER NOT WEIGH ME DOWN...

...BRO.

...JERK.

BACK AT YA...

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AS WITH FLYING, IT'S A BASIC OHTSUTSUKI ABILITY.

IT INSTANTLY TRANSPORTS YOU OR OTHER PEOPLE ANYWHERE.

SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU ...

HOWEVER, IN ABOUT SIX YEARS' TIME...

...YOU MANAGE TO MASTER IT.

YOU'VE MANIFESTED IT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, BUT...

SO IT'S STILL SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL.

...THEY WERE ALL SINGLE, ACCIDENTAL BURSTS UNDER LIMITED, IRREPRODUCIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

...THAT ENABLES YOU TO MOVE FREELY AND INSTANTLY WHEREVER YOU WANT.

...YOU EVOLVED IT INTO A NINJUTSU...

...SO THAT YOU CAN SENSE THEM...

BY MARKING METAL OBJECTS WITH YOUR CHAKRA...

FLYING RAIJIN...?!

!

...THE FOURTH HOKAGE.

...THE SIMILAR JUTSU FAVORED BY YOUR GRAND-FATHER, NAMIKAZE MINATO...

YES. YOU NAMED IT AFTER...

AND THAT...

...IS THE FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU.

DEVISED?

I'M A GENIUS?

EXCEPT ALL I FEEL RIGHT NOW IS PRESSURE.

...YOU DEVISED A COPYCAT FLYING RAIJIN THAT PRODUCES NEAR-IDENTICAL RESULTS.

IN TRUTH, THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT JUTSU. YOU ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW THE REAL FLYING RAIJIN.

AS YOU SOUGHT TO CONTROL SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU...

THAT IS THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION THAT YOU REACHED THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR.

METAL OBJECTS ARE THE MOST SUITABLE FOR CHAKRA MARKING.

SHKKK

ANY METAL OBJECT CAN BE USED FOR DISPLACE-MENT.

...EVEN DECORA-TIONS AND UTENSILS.

SHURIKEN, KUNAI...

OF COURSE.

METAL?

...THE TRANSLO-CATION WOULD BE EASIER AND MORE ACCURATE.

AND IF IT WAS WITHIN YOUR VISUAL RANGE...

SO THIS BLADE TOO?

...THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELEPORT FAR AWAY?

ARE YOU SAYING...

WITHIN VISUAL RANGE, HUH?

...YOU HAVE NO CLUE...

YOU SENSE THE CHAKRA ON THE OBJECTS AND TRY TO TRANSLO-CATE...

...BUT IN THIS CASE...

...AT WHICH OF THE TWO SHURIKEN YOU'LL ARRIVE.

LET'S SAY YOU'VE GOT TWO CHAKRA-MARKED SHURIKEN...

...ONE FAR TO THE NORTH AND THE OTHER TO THE SOUTH.

AND SO YOU CAME UP WITH...

IT WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE IF ONLY ONE OBJECT WERE IN PLAY AT A TIME...

...BUT THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE UTILITY OF THIS JUTSU.

!

COULD BE A PROB-LEM.

MAKES SENSE.

!

EACH METAL OBJECT WOULD BE A DISTINCT SHAPE...

...AND VISUALIZING THAT UNIQUE SYMBOL...

...WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ACCURATELY TRANSPORT TO YOUR INTENDED COORDINATES, EVEN IF THEY WERE FAR AWAY.

...THE IDEA TO USE SYMBOLS.

INDEED.

...THE GREATER THE CONCEN-TRATION NECESSARY.

BUT THE FARTHER YOU WANT TO DISPLACE YOURSELF...

SO I SHOULD PREPARE A VARIETY OF METAL OBJECTS ...

I SEE!

I GUESS I HAVE A LOT OF TRAINING AHEAD OF ME.

SO THE LONGER THE DISTANCE, THE HARDER IT IS.

...EXCLUSIVELY FOR TELEPORTING MYSELF LONG DISTANCES?

BUT KNOWLEDGE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH.

...YOU'LL NEED TO STUDY AND PRACTICE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT.

IN ORDER TO TRULY MASTER THE FLYING RAIJIN...

IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, YOU'VE ACQUIRED THEORIES AND KNOWLEDGE...

LISTEN, BORUTO.

...THAT TOOK THE FUTURE YOU MANY YEARS TO COBBLE TOGETHER.

LET'S KEEP GOING. I'VE GOT...

THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM!

...A TON OF THINGS TO DO!

FWUP

...

...WHY NOT TELL EVERYONE EVERYTHING AND HAVE THEM HELP?

WOULDN'T THAT GUARANTEE THINGS GO IN A GOOD DIRECTION?

I DON'T GET IT.

IF YOU CAN SEE BOTH GOOD AND BAD FUTURES...

INSTEAD, IT WILL BRANCH IN COMPLEX WAYS...

...MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT.

ONCE YOU KNOW A FUTURE...

...YOU CAN NO LONGER ACT THE SAME AS BEFORE YOU KNEW IT.

...THE MORE PEOPLE THAT KNOW IT...

IT IS TRULY IRONIC, BUT...

...THE MORE THE NATURE OF THAT FUTURE WILL CHANGE.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, TO KNOW THE FUTURE...

...LEADS TO THE ACT OF DESTROY-ING IT.

TO THE POINT OF COMPLETELY NEGATING THE ADVANTAGE...

...OF FORESEEING THE FUTURE VIA PRE-SCIENCE.

...FOR THINGS TO PROCEED TOWARDS A GOOD FUTURE...

SO IT'S BETTER FOR MOST FOLKS TO NOT KNOW ANYTHING...

...IS TO AID THE PATHS TO GOOD FUTURES FROM THE SHADOWS.

AND THE DUTY OF WE SINGU-LARITIES OF FATE...

...

SINGU-LARITY?

...THE GREATER ***YOU*** DIVERGE FROM THE TRACK CALLED FATE...

AND IN PARTICULAR, THE MORE FUTURES YOU KNOW...

...WHICH MAKES THE FUTURE UNSTABLE.

...AND BECOME A SINGULARITY, A HERETICAL EXISTENCE...

...

WE...?

JUST LIKE ME...

...YOU'VE BECOME A SINGU-LARITY.

AND...

...WHO WILL LIKELY SEE THIS SOONER OR LATER..

...AS HAVE YOU...

...EIDA.

VWOOO

...OF FATE...

SINGU-LARITY...

...

ANY LUCK?

WELL, EIDA?

...

HE MUST HAVE HIS REASONS.

IT SEEMS AS IF BORUTO ISN'T SAYING MUCH...

THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE...

...BUT...

...HE'S ALWAYS TAKING EVERY-THING ON BY HIMSELF!

IT FEELS TO ME LIKE HE'S DOING IT TO PREVENT...

...UNNEC-ESSARY DANGER TO THE TWO OF YOU.

WHERE IS BORUTO RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY?

HEY...

THEY WON'T STOP SEEING OR TREATING HIM AS THE ENEMY...

AS FOR KONOHA...

SARADA...

SO IT'S UP TO US THREE TO HELP HIM!!

...EVEN THOUGH IT'S OBVIOUS WE HAVE A MUTUAL FOE!

HUH?

I DON'T THINK BORUTO...

WE...

...MAY HAVE TAKEN BORUTO'S SIDE OUT-WARDLY...

...YET WE KNOW ALMOST NO CRUCIAL INTEL ABOUT HIM...

...WANTS US TO KNOW.

CLASS REP...

...

...IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT...

BUT, I THINK...

...THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE FREELY LIKE THIS.

...WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE DOING...

SO I FEEL...

...IS *NOT* CHASE AFTER BORUTO.

IF IT'D GONE BADLY...

BUT...

...YOU SAW IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

...BORUTO MIGHT'VE DIED INSTEAD OF JUST BEING WOUNDED!

...THAT HE GOT HURT *BECAUSE* WE WERE THERE?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE POS-SIBILITY...

IT'S TOO RECKLESS FOR HIM...

...TO TAKE THOSE MONSTERS ON BY HIMSELF!

...WANT TO TRY PUTTING YOUR-SELF...

YOU MIGHT...

...IN BORUTO'S SHOES...

...

WHAT?

HUH?

...

...

CLASS REP...

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE *LIKES*...

HAS THERE BEEN EVEN A MOMENT...

...WHEN YOU'VE REFLECTED ON HIS PAIN?

...HAVING TO KEEP THINGS FROM US?

...BUT MINE TOO.

AND NOT JUST BORUTO'S FEELINGS...

THAT I LIKE BORUTO A LOT?

YOU DO KNOW...

...DON'T YOU?

...YOU JUST LEAPT INTO HIS ARMS.

AND YET...

...

TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR REACTION IN THAT MOMENT WAS TO BE EXPECTED.

BUT...

I'VE...

...TRIED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR FEELINGS.

...WHAT ABOUT YOU, SARADA?

...DID YOU THINK ABOUT *MY* FEELINGS AT ALL...

...EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT?

WHEN YOU...

...WERE IN FRONT OF ME...

...

AND YET...

KEEP GOING!

...THIS IS CRAZY FUN...

AWKWARD!

IT'S SO TENSE I'M AFRAID TO EVEN TWITCH...

...

...DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING THIS UP...

...

SORRY...

...I...

...

...AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

ESPE-CIALLY...

TAK

OH!

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL I STILL JUST BE CLASS REP...

...TO YOU?

WAIT...

CLASS REP!

...

TK

EIDA, IT'S SHIKA-MARU.

IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE ...

...

...I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU.

VWOOOO

HE'S ONE MEASLY ROGUE NINJA...

MOREOVER, YOU LET HIM SLIP RIGHT THROUGH YOUR FINGERS WHEN YOU HAD HIM IN CUSTODY!

WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN ABLE TO DISPOSE OF HIM ALREADY?!

WHAT IS GOING ON?

I HEAR HE'S BEEN IN THE VILLAGE SEVERAL TIMES.

WE SHALL PUT AN END TO THIS...

REST ASSURED, LORD DAIMYO.

...IN A MANNER THAT SUITS YOUR WISHES.

PLEASE FORGIVE THIS APPALLING, INEXCUSABLE BLUNDER.

RECAPTURE HIM AND SNUFF HIM OUT QUICKLY.

...THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL END UP BEING BROUGHT TO TASK...

SHOULD YOU FAIL...

...I'D RATHER *NOT* MEET UP WITH YOU IN PERSON...

SHUP

IF IT WERE UP TO ME...

VWOOO

BESIDES, I LIKE IT WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF SORTS.

I DIDN'T WANT THE SENSORY UNIT EAVES-DROPPING.

IT'S CUTE AND ENDEAR-ING.

...AS LOOKING AT YOU...

...SAND'S CIRCUM-STANCES?

WELL? WHAT OF...

...MUDDLES MY THOUGHTS.

...ON THAT SUNA-GAKURE BOY.

HE'S MOD-ELED ...

HIS NAME IS RYU.

...IT'S JUST AS YOU PRE-DICTED.

UNFORTU-NATELY...

AND HIS TARGET...

...IS THE KAZEKAGE.

DAMMIT

SHINKI?

THERE'S A NEW DIVINE TREE PERSON.

THE KAZEKAGE IS SAFE FOR NOW, SINCE HE'S SEALED AWAY.

...LIKELY CUZ IT'S HIS JUTSU TO BEGIN WITH.

BUT RYU IS ABLE TO UNDO THAT SEAL...

!

GAARA!

IT WASN'T REAL TIME.

BY THE WAY...

...WHAT I SAW WAS FROM A FEW HOURS AGO.

WHAT?

WE NEED TO TAKE DOWN RYU FOR GAARA'S SAKE!

I'LL ARRANGE A MISSION TO SUNAGAKURE STAT.

...WHEN I'M WATCHING WITH THE SENRIGAN.

...WHO IS ACTUALLY ABLE TO LOOK INTO MY EYES...

THERE'S AN ANNOYING DIVINE TREE...

BUT IT MADE MY BLOOD RUN COLD.

I'M NOT SURE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MIGHT'VE DONE IF I'D KEPT WATCHING.

?!

IS IT SOME SORT OF ABILITY?

THAT'S POS-SIBLE?

I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER INTEL YOU CAN GATHER AND REPORT.

UNDERSTOOD. NO WORRIES.

PAST EVENTS ARE FINE.

SO I APOLOGIZE, BUT...

...PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO WATCH THEM IN REAL TIME ANYMORE.

OH, AND...

ABOUT BORUTO.

...

HELPED HIM ESCAPE...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SET IT UP, RIGHT?

...USING MITSUKI?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...

BESIDES ...

I MEAN, IT WOULDN'T BE TO MY ADVANTAGE TO ENDANGER YOUR POSITION.

RELAX.

I WON'T TATTLE ON YOU TO KONOHA.

DON'T PLAY DUMB.

...I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE BORUTO TROUBLE.

...ABOVE ALL ELSE...

I JUST DON'T INTEND TO REVEAL ANYTHING TO YOU.

FORGET I SAID THAT.

I WAS THINKING OUT LOUD.

I HAVEN'T TOLD A SINGLE LIE.

...

KAWAKI'S AGREED TO TEAM UP WITH HIM FOR NOW, SO...

...I'D LEAVE THE TWO OF THEM ALONE TO DO IT.

...IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THOSE DIVINE TREES...

EIDA, BORUTO...

...HAS A MYSTERY ACCOM-PLICE.

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

...

THAT TOAD WAS FAMILIAR.

HE PREVI-OUSLY ...

...SPOKE TO ME IN THE FORM OF A TOAD.

...

IT'S KASHIN KOJI...

...ISN'T IT?

LISTEN CLOSELY. I'LL GIVE YOU THE GIST.

NO QUESTIONS, ALL RIGHT?

AS SHARP AS EVER, NARA SHIKAMARU.

SHF

AND YES, YOU'RE CORRECT.

?!

...AND MITSUKI.

SARUTOBI KONOHA-MARU...

...UCHIHA SARADA...

DEPLOY THOSE THREE TO THE LAND OF WIND.

WHA...?!

EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON!

HOLD ON A MINUTE!

GIVE ME A CON-VINCING REASON WHY!

OR PERHAPS EVEN BOTH TOGETHER

EITHER RYU OR MATSURI ARE BOUND TO SHOW UP THERE.

HAVE YOUR TRIO TEAM UP WITH TWO SAND NINJA TO SLAY THEM.

JURA HAS SET HIS EYES ON HER.

IF SHE STEPS OUTSIDE OF KONOHA, IT MAY DRAW HIS NOTICE...

ONE OTHER THING... DO **NOT** LET UZUMAKI HIMAWARI OUTSIDE KONOHA.

...AND WILL RESULT IN HER DEATH.

IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO CONVINCE THEM...

I TOLD YOU, NO QUES-TIONS.

...THEN COME UP WITH SOMETHING PLAUSIBLE.

WHAT?!

AND NOTIFY EVERYONE TO TREAT HIM AS ANY ORDINARY CUSTOMER...

...IF JURA HAPPENS TO PAY A VISIT TO THE BOOKSTORE OR SOME SUCH.

...IS RELUCTANT TO WAGE BATTLE WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

SO BARRING ANY EXTREME CIRCUM-STANCES, SHE SHOULD BE SAFE FOR NOW, AS LONG AS SHE STAYS WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S BOUNDARIES.

FORTUNATELY, JURA HOLDS KONOHA'S CULTURAL VALUE IN HIGH ESTEEM, AND HE HIMSELF...

...IS TO NOT PROVOKE JURA.

ABSO-LUTELY NONE.

UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU TRULY ANGER HIM, WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING.

THIS IS NO JOKE.

WHAT IS MOST CRITICAL...

...

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

AND IF JURA SHOWS UP...

...RETREAT IMMEDIATELY.

TO AVOID JURA INTERVENING...

...WE'LL HIT THE OTHERS WITH THE MINIMUM FORCE REQUIRED.

THAT'S ALL FOR ME.

BOING

I WISH YOU LUCK.

...

HEY!

HOLD ON!

I AM VERY MUCH OBLIGED.

MY BELATED THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN BORUTO'S ESCAPE.

TO DO...

...WHAT YOU BELIEVED WAS RIGHT.

YOU FOLLOWED YOUR HEART ...

KEEP FOLLOWING YOUR HEART...

I WILL NOT COERCE YOU.

...TO ACHIEVE A GOOD FUTURE.

...GOING AGAINST VILLAGE LAWS AND YOUR FELLOWS...

...TO CARRY IT OUT, WITHOUT ANY PROOF OF THE TRUTH.

BOING

FISH

...

...

...

WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT.

YEESH.

3
...HUH...?
FOLLOW YOUR HEART...
WHY THE HECK...
...DID I BRING THAT UP?

VWOO

OO

...

IT'S NOTHING.

I'M FINE.

NAH.

SARADA...

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

...WILL MAKE FUN OF YOU.

DON'T SPACE OUT, OR THE SAND NINJA...

!

YODO...

...AND ARAYA?

MASTER KONOHA-MARU?

VWOOO

OOO

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF WIND.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

NOW LET'S GET MOVING!

THANK YOU TOO.

...CORRE-SPONDS TO THE COORDINATES WE WERE TOLD ABOUT.

THAT AREA WITH ALL THE COLUMNAR ROCKS...

VWOOO

BEEN A WHILE.

YO.

I DUNNO. IT'S SUP-POSEDLY A RELIABLE SOURCE...

...BUT I'M DUBIOUS ABOUT IT AS WELL.

MASTER... WHERE DID LORD EIGHTH GET THIS INTEL?

AH.

NOT THAT IT MAT-TERS.

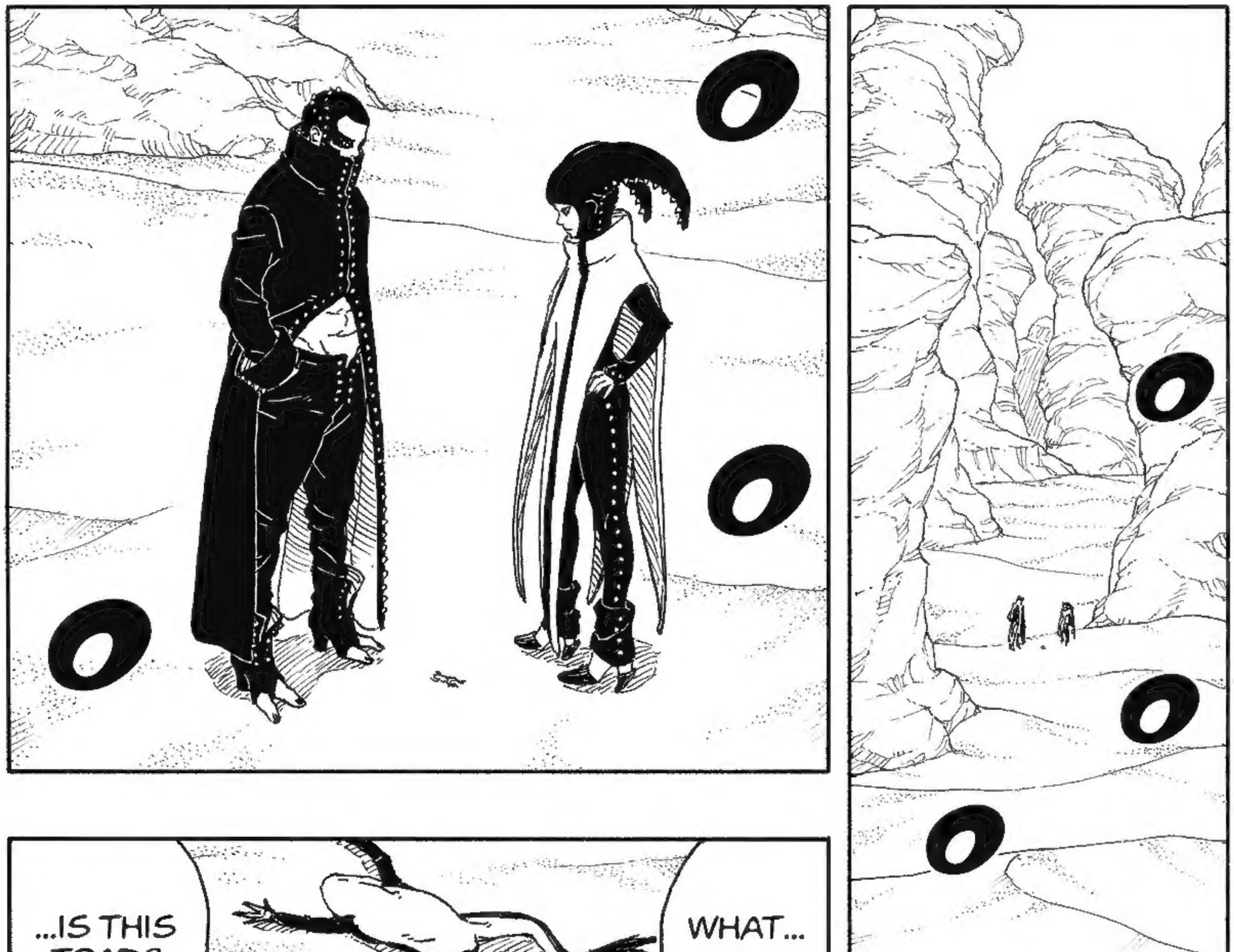
HUH?

UH, NO...

YOUR AURA'S CHANGED A LOT.

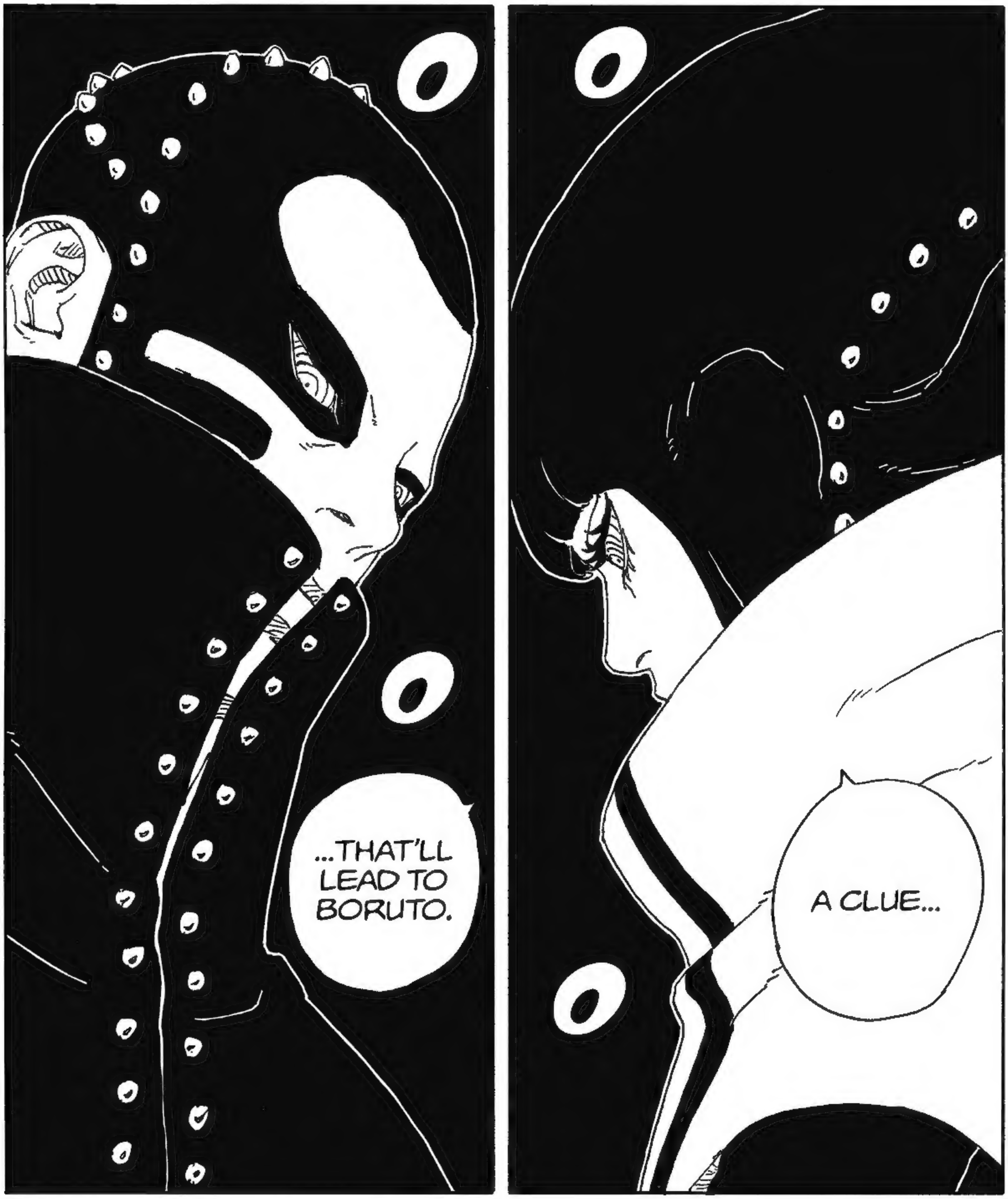
YOU INTO A GUY?

DIVINE TREE PEOPLE!!
FOUND 'EM!



...IS THIS TOAD?
WHAT...

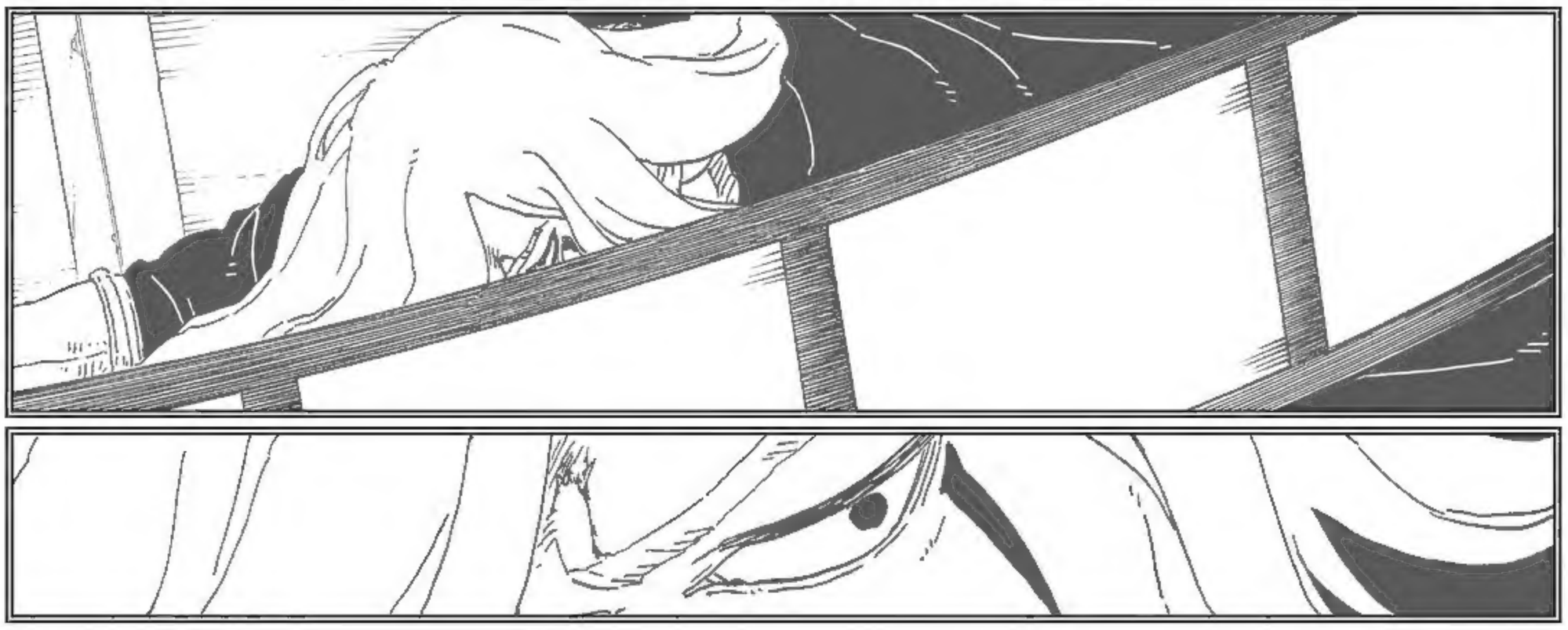
THERE'S TWO OF THEM...
DAMMIT!


...THAT'LL LEAD TO BORUTO.
A CLUE...

ROAD TO TWO BLUE VORTEX

Kashin Koji and Boruto

Unraveling their jutsu!



The shinjutsu Kashin Koji manifested

Prescience

The power that Kashin Koji, in whom Amado had transplanted Ohtsutsuki Shibai's cells, manifested when he was on the brink of death.
Something akin to film footage unfolds before his eyes, and he is able to see future events.
This jutsu's biggest advantage is intel on what is to come, which has many uses, such as preparing for possible crises and imparting in advance moves and jutsu certain individuals would eventually be mastering anyway.
What can be confirmed via Prescience are complicated branches of possible futures, including those that will not come to pass. And the more futures one knows, the greater that individual will diverge from the track called fate. It appears that Kashin Koji calls such heretical existences, which makes the future unstable, "Singularities of Fate."

Boruto's version of the space-time ninjutsu

The Flying Raijin

A copycat Flying Raijin that Boruto himself named after the similar jutsu favored by Fourth Hokage Namikaze Minato. It has lots of limitations compared to the original. Furthermore, it was supposed to take Boruto about six years to master this jutsu, but with the help of Kashin Koji's Prescience, he was able to perfect it in roughly two years.

Flying Raijin Quick Comparison Chart

	Boruto's Flying Raijin	Minato's Flying Raijin
Items that can be imbued with chakra	Only metal objects of a certain mass or greater.	Any and all objects.
The time required to imbue chakra	At least one minute. The bigger the item, the longer it takes.	Can mark in an instant.
Transporting short distances (within sight)	Can fly at will by sensing the chakra-imbued item. Visual contact is unnecessary.	Same as Boruto's Flying Raijin.
Transporting long distances (out of sight or to another dimension)	It is necessary to visualize the chakra-imbued metal symbol. Thus, standard-issue kunai and shuriken are unsuitable for traveling long distances to specific locations. Boruto has managed to avoid failure by using sun and leaf ornaments that he habitually carries.	Can transport anywhere a marked object is.

◀ Check out the NARUTO OFFICIAL SITE for all sorts of background information and term explanations!